



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – October 27, 2025

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Picture Retakes:** Picture Retake Day is this **Wednesday, Oct. 29**. Students who ordered a package on the original picture day but are choosing to get their picture retaken **MUST** bring their original picture package with them on retake day to give to the photographer. They **DO NOT** need to place a new order. If they forget their package on retake day, we will take their photo & write their name down but we won't order a new package until the old one is returned. Please use this link and order code if you are purchasing the picture <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/0131HY> using order code **0131HY**.
- **Reformation Day:** Reformation Day is on October 31 and we will be having an All-School Chapel. Please enter through the gym doors. Chapel will begin around 8:30 a.m.
- **HCS Listening Groups:** Last call for our 2nd and 3rd grade listening session! This session will be held on Thursday, October 30 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Space is limited to 12 parents in each session. As the year progresses, families from other grades will also have the opportunity to participate later in the school year. We are looking forward to hearing your valued and important feedback! To sign up, please complete the following [Sign-Up Genius Form](#).
- **October Saturday Serve: SATURDAY SERVE** is this Saturday, November 1. Since we need leaves to fall before we can rake, **we will either rake leaves on Saturday, November 1 or we will fill Blessing boxes.** An email will be sent on **Friday** informing all who have signed up where we will meet.

Date: Saturday, November 1

Time: 9 am - 11 am

Place: TBD - HCS parking lot or VanTil's in Hammond (2635 169th St.)

Sign-up: [Saturday Serve Sign-up](#)

1. Come join us as we bless our Highland Christian neighbors by raking leaves. Groups will be sent to different areas near HCS to rake leaves from the front lawn to the parkway. We will walk from house to house asking if we can bless them by raking the leaves. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, brooms, gloves, etc. Please dress for the weather. We welcome any age to help with the clean-up.
OR
2. Come as a family and gather at VanTil's Supermarket in Hammond to shop for groceries. We have assembled a list of foods and toiletries for the boxes. After shopping, we will send your family with groceries to fill Blessing Boxes throughout our neighborhoods. We have identified and have directions to the Blessing Boxes.

If you are unable to help on this day with the project, we are accepting donations to purchase groceries to fill the Blessing Boxes. Place your gift in an envelope with the label **Blessing Boxes** and send them to the office. Your gifts will greatly help make this project a success.

Thank you for your work in bringing God's Kingdom on earth.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 5 and 6 and sign-ups are now open. Like last year, 3rd-8th grade conferences will be student led and PreK-2nd grade conferences will just be with the parents. The deadline to sign up is on October 31 and the signup code is 5aa57. [SIGN UP NOW!](#)
- **Veteran's Day Chapel:** On Tuesday, November 11, at 8:45 am, we will honor our veterans in our Veterans Day Assembly. Our speaker will be Mr. Brandon Hiatt, a U.S. Navy veteran and HCS parent. An email will be going out this week with more information about how veterans in our HCS community can participate. We look forward to this event to honor our veterans! To sign up, please click [HERE](#). If you need additional information, please email Rick VanderWoude at veterans@highlandchristian.org.
- **Artisan Fair:** Come to the HCS gym on November 15 to kick start your holidays! The Artisan Fair is open from 9am - 2pm. With over 30 vendors selling handcrafted goods, specialty items, and one-of-a-kind gifts, you will be able to get that "exceptional something" to fill your holidays with charm. Come enjoy a festive atmosphere filled with holiday cheer, seasonal concessions, and plenty of inspiration for your gift-giving and decorating. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Employment Opportunities:** **HCS is seeking a part-time Director of Finance.** Do you know someone with strong financial leadership skills who would love serving in our Christian community? We'd love for you to help us spread the word! For more information and to view all of our current openings, please visit our [website](#).
- **Hot Lunch Menu- [October Hot Lunch Menu](#) and [November Hot Lunch Menu](#)**
You can find the monthly lunch menu on FACTS by navigating the following tabs:
 1. **School** → *Resource Documents*
 2. **Student** → *Lunch*

ATHLETIC NEWS:5

October 30: Boys Basketball Games

- **6th grade vs. Calvary (HOME) 4:00 p.m.**
- **7th grade vs. Calvary (HOME) 5:00 p.m.**
- **8th grade vs. Calvary (HOME) 6:00 p.m.**

HCS will continue to have a concession stand at all home games! We typically serve hot food, snacks, candy, and various drinks. We are now accepting cards and Apple Pay! 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.

FAITH CORNER:

While October 31 is widely known for Halloween celebrations featuring scarecrows, pumpkins, ghosts, and witches, it more importantly marks Reformation Day. This is an important date in Christian history. This day commemorates Martin Luther's act in 1517 when he nailed his 95 Theses to the church door, sparking the Protestant Reformation. Although his costume may not be popular at Halloween stores, understanding Reformation Day reminds us of faith, courage, and the quest for religious reform that shaped much of modern Christianity.

The 5 Solas (**ONLYS**) of the Reformation are simple, key ideas about how to be a Christian.

- Scripture Alone (the Bible is the only rule for Christians),
- Christ Alone (Jesus is the only way to be saved),

- Grace Alone (God saves us because he is kind, not because we are good),
- Faith Alone (we are saved by believing and trusting in Jesus), and
- God's Glory Alone (we live to bring praise to God)

Let's examine a Sola (**ONLY**) this week: **Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)**

- **What it means:** The Bible is the one true guide for what we believe and how we should live.
- **A helpful illustration:** Imagine you and your friends are playing a game with a big, official rulebook. Some players have been adding their own extra rules over time. **Scripture Alone** is like saying, "We should only follow the original rulebook—the Bible—and not all the extra rules that people have made up."
- How to do this:
 - Accept God's Word as **THE** authority. *Cheating is wrong even if everyone is doing it.*
 - Read the Bible for guidance on how to live. *Exodus 20:15 - You shall not steal.* (Cheating is a form of stealing.)
 - Apply God's Word to your life. *Based on what the Bible says, just because "everyone is doing it" doesn't make it right.*
 - Build your life on God's Word. *When we apply God's truth to correct our thoughts and actions, we are building our lives on the solid rock of God's Word and not the shifting sands of others.*

Prayer: Thank you for the gift of your Word. Help us to fall in love with your Truth, hiding it in our hearts to guide us and keep us from sin. Give us a desire to read, understand, and believe your promises. Plant our feet on the foundation of your truth and help us to walk in your way. Amen.

PTO NEWS:

The 3rd-5th grade SUPERHERO BINGO NIGHT is Friday, November 21st, from 6:30-8pm in the school gym. Parents and siblings of 3-5th grade are invited to play, but only the 3-5th grade students will be able to win the prizes. All kids are encouraged to wear a costume of their favorite superhero/good guy at the event as well! We are looking forward to a SUPER fun night!

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **TRIP Schedule:** Next order for physical cards is due on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 3:30pm and available for pick up on Tuesday, Nov. 4, after 2:45pm. Cash & Carry orders are not available this week. Online ordering is available 24/7 on raiserright.com.
- **Future Order Dates:** Nov. 5, Nov. 12 and Nov. 19.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Bethel Church Lansing** invites you to a free family event on **Monday, October 27**. Trunk or Treat from 4:30-6pm followed by a Sloppy Joe Community Dinner inside from 4:30-7.
- **NEW LIFE CRC (3010 Ridge Road, Highland, IN 46322) will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot.** We will have decorated cars with trunks of candy and treats along with a refreshment table! Don't forget to wear your costume! Please contact (219) 838-0506 for more information. We hope to see you there!
- **Illiana Christian Auction:** The Illiana Christian Auction Committee is excited to announce our 11th annual auction on Saturday, November 15. The silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the live auction at 5:30 p.m. The kitchen will begin serving food at 5:00 p.m.