



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – September 8, 2025

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- Everyone is invited to the all-school chapel this Friday at 8:30 a.m. led by our 5th grade students.
- **FACTS- Tuition Payments:** An email was sent to all parents last Thursday that included information about our transition from Tuition Management to FACTS Financial. As a provider, FACTS requires that all tuition paying parents set-up an autopay via ACH withdrawal or credit card/debit card payment. **This process must be completed by Tuesday, September 16.** Any family that does not complete this process will be charged \$25 as a policy instituted by FACTS. It is not an option to not set-up an autopayment plan.

Steps to Complete Auto-Payment Set-Up:

1. Navigate to your FACTS Family Portal via the following link: [HCS FACTS](#)
 2. Click the “Financials” tab on the left side. Click “Financial Home.”
 3. Click the blue “use authenticator app” button. Complete authentication steps, set authentication questions, review contact preferences, and set pin number as required.
 4. In order to receive email payment reminders, please select the appropriate boxes and opt in to receive email payment notifications.
 5. View details. Review your tuition charges, bus fees, technology fees (6th-8th grade only), milk fee and Indiana Choice discount, if applicable. Billing has been prorated across the remaining 8 months (September 2025 - April 2026).
 6. Select your payment plan. HCS offers the option to pay monthly, semi-annually, or in full.
 7. Add banking account information or credit/debit information. HCS does not charge a fee for ACH payments. Click “save.”
 8. Read and accept the FACTS terms and conditions.
 9. Click “view schedule” to see your plan and due dates.
- **FACTS Family Portal:** Please review the “**Family Demographic Form**” under the “Family” drop down menu. **Please click on EVERY TAB to make sure all of your data is correct.** 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.
 - **Preview Night:** Tonight is Preview Night at HCS for anyone interested in Preschool or Kindergarten for the 26/27 school year. During this event, you will get to tour our campus and learn more about the exciting journey that awaits your child at Highland Christian School. This event will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. Please contact the school office if you need to RSVP.
 - **Picture Day:** HCS Picture Day is **Tuesday, Sept. 23**. Please check next week’s Parent Note for more information.
 - **Listening Groups:** Our first two listening sessions will be held on **Tuesday, September 23, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM** and **Monday, September 29 from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM** and are open to families of **Kindergarten and**

1st grade students. Space is limited to **12 parents** in each session. If both sessions fill up, we will provide additional opportunities. As the year progresses, families from other grades will also have the opportunity to participate later in the school year - as we meet with 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, and Jr High parents. We are looking forward to hearing your valued and important feedback!

To sign up, please complete the following [Sign-Up Genius Form](#).

- **Intention Forms:** A message went out to current families on Monday, September 1, about Enrollment Intention Forms. You can read that message [here](#). You can also fill those forms here: [Preschool](#) and [K-8 Intention Form](#).
- **See You at the Pole: Wednesday, September 24 at 7:45am.** When we gather around the school flagpole to pray we accept that we are, and always will be, wholly dependent on God for everything. Let's gather to lift up our families, our school, our nation, our churches, and our communities before the throne of Almighty God. Please join us.
This year's theme is AWE:
LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD.
Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.
Habakkuk 3:2

- **Saturday Serve: Our first Saturday Serve for 2025-26 is on Saturday, September 27 at City Baptist from 8:30 - noon** (I know this time is earlier than past Saturday Serves - come when and as long as you can.)
 - We will be meeting at City Baptist to work on a number of different important projects. We would love to have 100+ volunteers on this morning.
 - Work Includes:
 - Taking down ceiling tiles
 - Painting
 - Dumping trash
 - Yard clean-up
 - Weeding
 - Scrapping old lockers (we could use some very handy and strong guys for this)
 - School beautification.

There is work for everyone to do. Wear clothes and shoes for cleaning. Bring gloves to protect your hands. Sign up using this link: [September Saturday Serve](#) There are other links going out about this service opportunity. Please sign up once. Additionally, a free lunch from El Taco Real will be provided afterwards.

- **Pastor's Chapel:** Pastors' Chapel will be held on Friday, September 26. Information has been sent to the pastors and churches. Personal invitations will be created at school for students to hand-deliver. These invites will be sent home on Friday, September 12.
Pastors are invited for:
 - devotions and fellowship over coffee and light breakfast foods.
 - chapel in the gym with the entire school
 - classroom visits with the students from their churches

- **Auction Committee:** We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to join the planning committee for the school's annual auction. **Most urgently, we need someone to learn Kitchen Lead to transition into the position for next year.** It's a great way to support the school and be part of a fun, high-impact event! Interested? Please scan the QR code!



- **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>
- **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.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

- **Tuesday, September 9:**
B Soccer - 4:00 pm @ Calvary Christian (AWAY)
7th grade volleyball - @ Calvary Christian (AWAY)
8th grade volleyball - @ Calvary Christian (AWAY)

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.

FAITH CORNER:

Last week we explored Psalm 119 and noticed that God's Word can give us direction in our life journey. It is a lamp for our feet and a light on our path.

Let's further explore that becoming a Scripture Follower is a life-long journey. This means we should embark on this journey with others-our families. What does it mean to walk through life following God's Word? How can we do that within the construct of our busy lives?

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 gives us great insight into how to walk with each other on our journey of following God:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

First: We need to recognize **WHO** we are following - We are following the LORD God.

Second: We need to **LISTEN** (Shema) to His command to **LOVE** Him with **ALL** our heart, mind, soul, and strength. This means loving God with your entire person—your emotions, intellect, and strength. It's a total and unreserved devotion that leaves no room for other gods or idols.

Third: We need to **INTEGRATE** God's Word into our daily lives:

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

God's teaching should be a permanent fixture in our lives, a constant focus of our thoughts.

Impress them on your children.

As parents & teachers, we have a responsibility to impress the truths of God on our children throughout the day-while sitting, walking, or lying down.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Make them visible reminders to ensure that God's commands are a part of every aspect of family life.

To do this week:

- **Point out God's Creation:** Talk a walk. Marvel at the beauty and complexity of nature, pointing out how things like flowers, trees, and animal tracks are all part of God's wonderful design.
- **I Spy God:** Play a game where you look for things that show God's goodness, truth, or beauty, such as a beautiful sunset, a comforting song, or someone's smile.
- **Practice prayer together:** Pray about everyday things. Thank God for small gifts, pray for safety to and from school, say you are sorry to God for messing up, and offer prayers for others who are struggling.
- **Share stories of Faith:** Read Bible stories with energy and enthusiasm. Answer questions honestly about faith (don't be afraid to say "I don't know, but God does.") Let your child explain the Bible story to you.

Look for opportunities: Take advantage of opportunities to share your faith when you are walking with y

LIBRARY NEWS:

Good News! September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month! Every child -preschool - 8th grade - who gets a new card or shows their current card to a public librarian will get a small prize from the public library and be entered in a drawing for a gift card! Students from this school - who choose to - can get a slip of paper from the school librarian to bring to the public library. At the library they can get this paper signed by the public librarian to verify that they went to the library and got a card OR have a current card. When they return this slip to the school librarian they will get a sweet treat. All us librarians would like to encourage everyone to utilize the many resources available at the Public Library!!

PTO NEWS:

Donuts for Dudes: This week Wednesday, September 10 is Donuts for Dudes!! This event will take place on the soccer fields from 7:30-8:15. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. **Students are not allowed into their classrooms until 8:05.** We can't wait to see everyone!

Want to get involved too? Our PTO is still looking for new members and volunteers to help with fun and meaningful events throughout the school year—like family night, fundraisers, and teacher appreciation activities. Join the PTO today!! Click [HERE](#) to become a member or [HERE](#) to volunteer for events.

T.R.I.P NEWS:

TRIP Schedule: Next order for physical cards is due on Wednesday, Sept.10 at 3:30pm. This order will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, Sept. 16 after 2:45pm. Online ordering for egift and reloadable cards is available 24/7 on raiserright.com. Future Order Dates: Sept.17, Sept 24, Oct 1 and Oct. 8.

TRIP Volunteer Schedule: Sept. 9-Team C, Sept. 16-Team D, Sept. 23-Team A, Sept. 30.