



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ACADEMICALLY  
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NURTURED

October 2025

## MISSION STATEMENT

In order to honor God, the parents and staff of Highland Christian School, seek to nurture and guide students to see the Father's creation, sense order in a world saved by Christ, and serve God through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## 2025-2026

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## SCAN TO GIVE NOW!



### For a gift of stock or other non-cash asset:

EIN 35-0898393  
Association for Christian Instruction d/b/a Highland Christian School

Dear Friend,

Christian education is more than syllabi and grades. It is more than the lessons, chapels, and extended learning opportunities we provide. Christian education is the complex process by which a child is nurtured, guided, and carefully prepared to take their place, the place God Himself prepared for them - in the world He gave us to tend.

This process requires the commitment of a community and at Highland Christian School we recognize the value each person contributes to the outcomes we achieve. While we embrace the privilege to innovate in education, we especially appreciate every person who participates with us to see our students thrive academically and flourish in their faith.

- 5 years ago SCHOOL LEADERS prayerfully discussed an expansion.
- 4 years ago our SOCIETY approved the proposed building plan.
- 3 years ago, we broke ground on a \$5.6M project with the generous support of CONSTITUENTS
- 2 years ago, FACULTY & STAFF served students from 125 LOCAL CHURCHES
- This year, enrollment is 700 STUDENTS strong and we're pleased to report that the balance on our 2023 Expansion Loan is \$1,882,000!

**Thank you for your pledge in support of this project!** We hope to reduce this balance by 25% this year bringing the balance below \$1.5 million during our annual school improvement appeal. Every gift will be used to reduce principal and for every \$100,000 that is paid down, \$4,650 of annual interest will be eliminated from HCS' budget. You have made such a great difference already and we truly appreciate the encouragement of your generosity.

We appreciate your continued commitment to Highland Christian School and have enclosed a current pledge report for your review. Should you have questions, please call me directly. I can be reached 219.838.0356 x165.

With a grand vision and great gratitude,

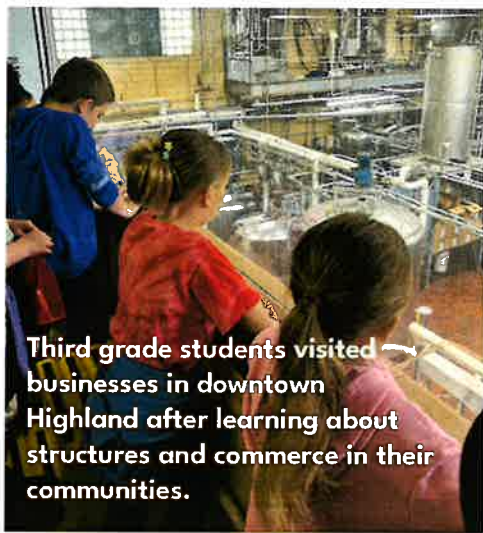
Jodi Lineburg  
Development Director

## INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AT HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

We are incredibly grateful for the capacity to innovate at Highland Christian School! Innovation integrates the science of learning into the practice of teaching & discipleship. It brings creativity into the classroom and empowers responsiveness to individual student needs.

Thanks to people like you, Highland Christian School has been able to extend and enhance programs, equip our teachers for success, and continually improve student outcomes over the years. What an incredible privilege this is!

Distinctively Reformed Christian education is a great and beautiful work that begins and ends with God. By nature it is confessional, theologically it is covenantal, and in practice, it emphasizes holiness, service to others, and wholehearted worship of God. As we pursue our goal to academically equip, biblically ground, and spiritually nurture students to impact the world for Christ, we are pleased to highlight a few of the advancements that have resulted from innovation at HCS this year.



Third grade students visited businesses in downtown Highland after learning about structures and commerce in their communities.



Fifth grade students collected and analyzed specimens at our first ever Science Camp in 2025!



We continue to promote participation in service opportunities as part of faith formation and spiritual nurture activities at HCS.



Camp Invention is an annual STEM camp HCS sponsors for students, providing community outreach and leadership training opportunities for HCS and ICBS students.

- **Sonshine Enrichment Center - Accreditation!**  
Preschool staff worked over the summer months on accreditation through ACSI and are looking forward to a site visit this November.
- **K-2 Science | Project Based Learning**  
Primary classes have adopted Project Lead the Way for all of their Science instruction thus increasing project based learning in these grades.
- **Extended Learning Opportunities**  
Fifth grade will again participate in an overnight Science Camp this year and thanks to a grant from Techpoint Youth we're able to offer a competitive Robotics Club after school this year!
- **Advanced Learning Classes**  
This year we have a new cohort of Spanish 2 students! Additionally, we have continued with Geometry and Algebra classes in Junior High.
- **High School Credit**  
Eighth grade students who take Spanish at HCS can apply to test out of it at Illiana Christian High School! If they have taken advanced Math or Computer Science at HCS, they can apply for dual credit at ICBS.
- **Junior High Bible**  
Students are learning how to exegete passages of Scripture and gaining tools for independent study of God's Word.
- **Spiritual Formation**  
In addition to launching "Faith Corner" as a spiritual formation tool for families, we have embedded additional spiritual reflection and biblical application exercises across content areas for students.
- **Mentoring Teachers - Teaching from a Reformed Perspective**  
Teachers who are in their first year of employment at Highland Christian School participate in trainings modeled after CSI's Beautiful Work Course. All teachers participate in professional development, regularly, to strengthen them as teachers teaching from a Reformed perspective.

**WILL YOU STAND WITH US AS WE STAND WITH PARENTS WHO ARE RAISING THEIR CHILDREN TO HONOR, LOVE, & SERVE THE LORD?**

Thanks for considering a gift for our School Improvement Appeal!