



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – November 11, 2025

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Artisan Fair:** The Artisan Fair is this Saturday, November 15, from 9 am – 2 pm. Come join us in the Highland Christian School gym for a unique shopping opportunity. 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 and plenty of inspiration for your gift-giving and decorating. Concessions will be available as well as a booth selling HCS spirit wear! We look forward to seeing you there! **8th grade families, we are looking forward to your help during the volunteer shift you signed up for.**
- **JRH Musical:** Starting today, audition sign-ups will be outside the library for "Mary Poppins Jr." for 6th - 8th grade students. Students may sign up alone or with a friend (only two at a time though) for the slots available. Each student who signs up will be given an audition packet to go over with their parents - they will need to sign it as well. We are so excited to begin play season with all of you!!
- **Donut Day:** Donut Day is this Wednesday, November 12. Donuts will be \$2.50 each and we will have chocolate, strawberry, vanilla and glazed donuts. All proceeds will go to the 8th grade class trip.
- **November Saturday Serve - Leaf Raking:** The wind and snow brought down the leaves. We will attempt one more time to rake leaves in the neighborhood around HCS on **Saturday, November 15.**
 - **Date:** Saturday, November 15
 - **Time:** 9 am - 11 am
 - **Place:** HCS parking lot (by the front of school)
 - [November 15 Signup](#)

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 their leaves. For this Saturday Serve, we will work outside raking. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, brooms, gloves, etc. Please dress for the weather. The leaves will be wet so wear appropriate footwear and gloves. We welcome any age to help with the clean-up. Check out the Artisan Fair in the gym after you rake leaves.

- **Home EC Helpers:** We are looking for at least two parents or grandparents who are skilled in crocheting, knitting, or sewing and would be willing to teach a small group of students. If you are or someone you know is interested in helping during the months of November and/or December, please reach out to Amy Hadley (ahadley@highlandchristian.org). Thank you!
- **HCS Spirit Wear Store:** The Spirit Wear Store is open and orders will be accepted now thru November 17! To order, fill out this [FORM](#), add up your total, and bring your payment to the HCS office. **Orders must be paid in**

the HCS office via exact cash or check by NOON on NOVEMBER 18 (checks made payable to Highland Christian School). If a payment is not made, an order will not be fulfilled. Orders will be available for pickup at HCS on December 17. Questions? Contact Dustin Hibbler at dhibbler@highlandchristian.org.

In addition to online ordering, **HCS will have a Spirit Wear booth at the HCS Artisan Fair on November 15.** There will be samples to look at and limited youth t-shirts available for purchase (cash or check only).

- **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- [November Hot Lunch Menu](#)**

ATHLETIC NEWS:

November 11: Boys Basketball

- **6th grade @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY) 4:00 p.m.**
- **7th grade @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY) 5:00 p.m.**
- **8th grade @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY) 6:00 p.m.**

November 13: Boys Basketball

- **6th grade @ Calvin Christian (AWAY) 4:00 p.m.**
- **7th grade @ Calvin Christian (AWAY) 5:00 p.m.**
- **8th grade @ Calvin Christian (AWAY) 6:00 p.m.**

FAITH CORNER:

It is November, the leaves are dropping, Thanksgiving falls at the end of the month, and Christmas is just around the corner. As parents, this can be a trying season. While we encourage our children to be grateful for all of God's blessings, our children are bombarded with ads that remind them of what they "need" to be happy.

So how do we cultivate a heart of gratitude in ourselves and in our kids? We live in a very materialistic world where everything comes with two day shipping. Although we would love to blame Amazon for our discontent, people have struggled with discontent since the beginning of time. King Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 1:8: *"Everything is unutterably weary and tiresome. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied; no matter how much we hear, we are not content."*

The struggle with discontentment goes way back to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. God blessed them with everything they could possibly need. He said they could eat from every tree in the garden, except the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. But Adam & Eve wanted more. They were **NOT** satisfied with what God gave them. They didn't trust that God was enough. They believed a lie that God was holding out on them.

Contentment is ultimately a heart issue, not a stuff issue. So, what are some practical ways to cultivate contentment in ourselves and our kids?

1. Pray for a Heart of Gratitude

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 reminds us: *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

Ask God to give you the strength to be content with your life and what He has given you. It is God's will for us to be thankful. So pray for contentment.

2. Model a Heart of Gratitude

Philippians 2:13 says, *“It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.*

Seek God - Spend time in God’s Word. The root of discontent is a heart issue that believes God is holding out on you and that He doesn’t love you. The more time you spend with God in His Word, the more you will get to know His character. You will see that He gives good gifts to His children.

3. Practice a Heart of Gratitude

- a. **Pray thankfully** - Our kids need to hear us thank God out loud for blessings, even during challenges
- b. **Express thanks** - Show genuine appreciation to people by saying “Thank You” easily & often.
- c. **Point out blessings** - Point out what God is doing. Teach them to see food, shelter, family, health, happiness, etc. as God’s good gifts.
- d. **Share** - ask family members to share one thing they are thankful for at the start of the meal.

4. Experience a Heart of Gratitude

- a. **Practice delayed gratification** - If your child wants to purchase a toy or game, make them wait a little while. The act of waiting will make them more grateful in the end.
- b. **Say NO more often** - We need to help kids learn to live within set limits.
- c. **Learn about others** - Seeing or experiencing poverty helps our kids learn compassion and gratitude.

Contentment is not something that comes naturally, but it is something that can be learned, and it is something that can be taught! Paul, who had learned to be content, teaches us the secret in Philippians 4:13, *“I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.”*

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:

- **Raise Days:** The biggest earning event of the year is here! Earn up to 23% with 175+bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. It's the perfect time to check off your holiday gifting list or just stock up for household expenses.**How it works:** Limited-time bonuses, November 13-14 AND November 20-21. Shop during the week that works best for you, or take advantage of both! Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Participants must be registered with the TRIP office and have an online account to participate
- **Holiday Countdown:** Only 2 more TRIP orders will be placed for physical gift cards before the Thanksgiving holiday (Nov.12 & 19) and 4 orders before Christmas (Dec. 3&10). Avoid the lines and earn money towards tuition all season long!
- **Reminder:** TRIP registration is open all year long. It's never too late to start saving! For questions or assistance, do not hesitate to reach out to Sherry Hiatt at trip@highlandchristian.org.
- **TRIP Schedule:** Next order for physical cards is due on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 3:30pm and available for pick up on Tuesday, Nov. 18, after 2:45pm. Online ordering is available 24/7 on raiserright.com. Future Order Dates: Nov. 12, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.
- **Cash & Carry:** C& C is available this week. Pop in on Thursday 8-9am to purchase gift cards we have available for immediate purchase. Limited quantities are available. Email ahead of time to secure your order! [Available](#)

Vendors: Amazon (\$25), Aurelios (\$20), Beggars (\$20), Chick-fil-a (\$10), Culver's (\$10), Dunkin Donuts (\$10), Edwardo's (\$10), Hohman Hallmark (\$10), Miner Dunn (\$5), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Strack & Van Til (\$50 & \$100), Teibel's (\$25). Are you not a registered participant? No Problem! Register today or support our Tuition Assistance Fund! Email Sherry Hiatt at trip@highlandchristian.org for orders or questions..

- **TRIP Volunteer Schedule:** Nov. 11-Team C, Nov. 18-Team D, Nov. 25-Team A

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **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.
- **Preview Illiana:** Wednesday, November 12, or Thursday, March 12. Preview Illiana is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to experience Illiana. You'll be able to hear from our Head of School and Principal, meet teachers and students, attend informative sessions about Illiana's curriculum and learning opportunities in music, art, STEM, and core subjects, learn how Illiana builds college, and career-readiness, and experience Illiana's mission to develop a passion for God, people, and the world. All middle school students and prospective high school transfer students will receive a free Illiana t-shirt! [REGISTER FOR PREVIEW HERE](#) Questions can be directed to our Director of Admissions, Jenna Dutton at jdutton@illianachristian.or
- **Highland Soccer Club:** Registration for the Spring 2026 season is now open. Please visit their [website](#) for more information on how to register.