



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – November 17, 2025

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Late Start: This Wednesday, November 19, is a late start day.** Drop-off begins at 9:40 a.m. and classes begin at 10:00 a.m. Before care is available. Buses will run about 1.5 hours later than a regular school day.
- **Last Day for Board Nominations:** An email went out on October 31 and November 13 regarding our new HCS Board Nomination process. Today is the last day to submit nominations. Please follow this [LINK](#) to our website for more information.
- **Last Day for HCS Spirit Wear Store:** Today is the last day we will be accepting orders for the Spirit Wear Store. To order, fill out this [FORM](#), 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.
- **Thanksgiving Boxes:** The Thanksgiving season gives us the opportunity to show our thankfulness to God by sharing with others in need. For Thanksgiving this year, we will be collecting food and toiletries for Roseland Christian Ministries in Roseland, IL. These gifts will be presented at our Thanksgiving chapel on Wed., Nov. 26. All donations will be collected in the students’ classrooms.

Items needed:

box of stuffing	can of corn	toothpaste
cranberry sauce	canned sweet potatoes	soap
2 boxes of mac and cheese	box of mashed potatoes	deodorant
can of gravy	cake or brownie mix	shampoo
can of green beans		tissues

- **Work Day at HRCS:** This is a friendly reminder about the final work day for 2025 at Hammond Riverside Christian School (HRCS) this Saturday, November 22 from 8:30am - Noon. At the work day, we are planning to primarily spend the day outside working on eliminating brush off the fences, leaf removal, disposing of some items, and campus beautification. We need volunteers that love weed whackers, chainsaws, leaf blowers, spraying weed kill, and/or general yard work. Note: All ages are welcome! So far, we have 35 volunteers and need an additional 40 volunteers! To sign-up, [complete the following registration form](#).
- **Thank You for a Meaningful Veterans Day Assembly:** Parents- We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and supported our Veterans Day assembly last week. It was a beautiful and meaningful time of remembrance and gratitude as our school community came together to honor the men and women who have served our country. A special thank-you goes to the veterans and family members who joined us for the program. We are especially grateful to Mr. Hiatt for sharing about his service in the U.S. Navy in the Middle East. Your presence reminded our students of the courage, sacrifice, and dedication that safeguard the freedoms we enjoy each day. We

also deeply appreciate our students, teachers, and volunteers whose songs, readings, and acts of service made the program so memorable. As a school community, we are grateful for the opportunity to honor those who have served and to thank God for His faithfulness to our nation and to them.

With appreciation,

Rick VanderWoude, Veterans Day Coordinator

- **Saturday Serve Thank YOU:** Thank you to all who showed up on Saturday morning to rake leaves in the neighborhoods around Highland Christian. What a terrific and productive morning we had! We were able to bless:

- multiple families by raking leaves to the curb for pickup
- people with words of encouragement and prayer
- Isabelle - a 94 year old lady who has lived in her home since 1958
- HCS students who learned the value of service
- Illiana students who needed service hours



We are committed to loving God and our neighbors by serving, praying, and encouraging. What a great morning spent bringing God's Kingdom into our neighborhoods.

- **Artisan Fair Thank YOU:** Thank you to everyone who came to the fair, hosted a booth, or helped with setup, operations, and cleanup. It was a huge success, and we are truly grateful for all your support. The raffle winners were selected on Saturday and contacted today. Thank you to everyone who supported our 8th grade by purchasing a raffle ticket. We were happy to award raffle baskets to Janelle, Sarah, Hannah, Charlotte, Krista, Donna, Janet, Nadine, Kristen, and Marissa.
- **JRH Musical:** Sign-ups for auditions are outside the library for "Mary Poppins Jr." for 6th - 8th grade students. **The deadline is this Friday, November 21.** 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!!
- **Fusion: You're invited to a night of inspiration with John O'Leary!** Join us for an evening of hope, healing, and heart. John's storytelling is known to stir tears, laughter, and resolve — a powerful reminder that our pain can become purpose.

When: February 6, 2025 7:00 pm

Where: Faith Church Dyer, 100 West 81st Ave, Dyer, Indiana.

Who: John O'Leary — bestselling author, inspirational speaker, and survivor whose story reminds us that even the darkest moments can spark life.

Why you don't want to miss it:

Uplifting, faith-rooted messages

A chance to connect with your community

Time to reflect and renew

Get your tickets [→ HERE](#)

Seats are limited — reserve yours today, and bring someone you care about. Let's gather, listen, and be changed together!

- **Partnership with New Life Resources:** Highland Christian School is partnering with New Leaf Resources to offer on-site counseling for students. This partnership helps students access care in a safe, familiar environment, reducing barriers to emotional and mental health support. For more information or to request consultation, click [HERE](#).

- **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 18: Boys Basketball

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

November 20: Boys Basketball

- 6th grade @ SW Chicago Christian (HOME) 4:00 p.m.
- 7th grade @ SW Chicago Christian (HOME) 5:00 p.m.
- 8th grade @ SW Chicago Christian (HOME) 6:00 p.m.

FAITH CORNER:

November is a time to slow down and remember to be thankful! I have included devotions that remind us to be thankful for God's spiritual blessings as well as physical blessings. Throughout the two weeks before Thanksgiving, you'll be reading Bible verses how God provides salvation, wisdom, relationships, and more.

Monday (11/17)

Read: Psalm 95:1-7
Talk about: What do these verses say about being thankful to God?
 How did you enjoy God's creation today?

Tuesday (11/18)

Read: Psalm 100
Talk about: What does this Psalm say about God's character?
 Is there anyone like God?

Wednesday (11/19)

Read: Psalm 23
Talk about: In what ways is God like a shepherd?
 What are some things God does to care for you?

Thursday (11/20)

Read: Psalm 46
Talk about: What is a refuge? You may need to look the word up in a dictionary.
 How is God our refuge and strength?
 What are some things we are tempted to trust besides God?

Friday (11/21)

Read: Psalm 19:7-14
Talk about: What words are used in this psalm to refer to God's Word?
 What benefits do we get from reading God's Word?
 How has the Bible helped you?



Saturday (11/22)

Read: Psalm 8

Talk about: What do you enjoy about God's creation?
Go outside, rake leaves, pick up pinecones, and enjoy God's handiwork.

Sunday (11/23)

Read: Psalm 136:1-9

Talk about: What have you seen in creation that amazes you?
Think about the wonderful gifts God has created for you.
Make a list & say **Thank You** for these many gifts.

PTO NEWS:

- The **3rd-5th grade SUPERHERO BINGO NIGHT** is this 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 continues this weekend! 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 20-21. 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/TRIP Schedule: This week will be the last TRIP order to be placed for physical gift cards before Thanksgiving. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 3:30pm and will be available for pick up on Tuesday Nov. 25 after 2:45pm. There are only 2 additional orders that will be placed before Christmas. These orders will be placed on December 3rd (pick up on Dec. 9) and on the 10th (pick up on Dec.16). Online ordering is available 24/7.
- 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: 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). Do you want to order but you don't have a registration on file? 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. 18-Team D, Nov. 25-Team A, Dec 9-TRIP Office Team, Dec. 16-Team C.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Preview Illiana: The next Preview Illiana day is 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.org

- **Highland Soccer Club:** Registration for the Spring 2026 season is now open. Please visit their [website](#) for more information on how to register.