



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – November 3, 2025

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

FROM THE DESK OF DR. WEENER:

On Friday, Q1 report cards were delivered electronically to parent emails. Since then, it has been encouraging to hear how families have already reviewed these with their children and begun preparing for conferences. Over the past few years, we have been gathering parent feedback on how to improve our report cards. Because of your specific feedback, we selected FACTS as our new provider, pushed report card delivery directly to parent emails, and made sure the report card format was more compact and easier to read. Thank you for your feedback and engagement!

Later this week we will host parent-teacher conferences. A reminder: 3rd–8th grade conferences are student-led, while preschool–2nd grade conferences are for parents-only. If you are a 3rd–8th grade parent and need time with your child’s teacher (without your child), you can have your child step out near the end of the conference. Our purpose in having 3rd–8th graders attend conferences is to help them take ownership of their learning, celebrate the gifts God has given them, and identify areas where they can continue to grow. **After conferences, we encourage all parents to focus first on affirming the gifts of their child, rather than centering attention only on areas needing improvement.** We want children to know their value is not found solely in outcomes, but in their efforts, identity, and the way they were uniquely created in His image.

Finally, as you come to conferences, we ask parents to come ready to learn about progress over these first three months AND find ways to encourage and support your child’s teacher(s). Two excellent questions to ask are:

- “How can I be in prayer for you?”
- “What are some ways I can support you this year?”

Teachers carry their work far beyond instructional minutes. They think about students at all times of the day, prayerfully intercede for those in their classes, and generously give of their time so that Christ is magnified in the lives of each child.

See you Wednesday and Thursday night!

Dr. Kyle Weener - Head of School

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Saturday Serve Thank You:** HCS families gathered at *VanTils in Hammond* on Saturday, November 1 to serve. Each family was given a shopping list. When the list was filled and the groceries loaded in the cars, the families filled a designated Blessing Box. Families cleaned out expired food and reloaded the box with boxes of mashed potatoes, cans of corn, pancake mix & syrup. Thank you to HCS families who blessed our communities with food.



- **Important Reminders:** We will have early dismissals on both Wednesday and Thursday this week. Students will be released at 1:45 PM on both days. Aftercare will be available following dismissal. There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 7.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parent/Teacher Conferences are this Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 6 & 7. If you cannot make the time that you scheduled for your child's conference, please contact your child's teacher. **If you haven't signed up for conferences, your child's teacher will be contacting you.** Students in grades 3-8 must attend the conference with their parents. There will be notecards by all the classrooms for you to write a little note to your child. If you would like to touch base with any of the specials teachers, they will be available each evening and would love to meet with 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).

- **Lost and Found:** The lost and found is overflowing!! Please stop by and take a look before the end of the week. Anything left by the end of the day on Thursday, November 6, will be placed in the ETC trailer.
- **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. We look forward to this event to honor our veterans!
- **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- [November Hot Lunch Menu](#)**

ATHLETIC NEWS:

November 4: Boys Basketball Games

- 7th grade vs. Oak Lawn (HOME) 4:00 p.m.
- 8th grade vs. Oak Lawn (HOME) 5:00 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 Christo (Christ Alone)**

- **What it means:** Jesus is the only one who can save us from our sins.
- **A helpful illustration:** Imagine there is a deep, wide river between you and God. You can't swim across it, and no amount of good deeds (like building a raft with good behavior) is enough. Jesus is the *only* strong, safe bridge across that river.
- **How to explain this:**
 - **We All Make Mistakes:** We mess up sometimes and do things wrong (sins). These mistakes create a big problem and separate us from a perfect and holy God.
 - **Jesus is the Only Bridge:** God sent Jesus to be the only one who could fix this problem. Jesus lived a perfect life, never made a mistake, and then died on a cross to take the punishment for all our mistakes. He is the only perfect "go-between" or mediator between us and God.
 - **Jesus is the hero of the story.**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Thank you for sending Jesus to be a sacrifice for us, so we can be part of your family. Thank you Jesus, for loving us and taking the punishment for our sins. Help us to love and follow Jesus every day. 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:

- **Holiday Countdown:** Only 3 more TRIP orders will be placed before the Thanksgiving holiday (Nov. 5, 12 & 19) and 5 orders before Christmas (Dec. 3 & 10). Avoid the lines and earn money towards tuition all season long! Be sure to check out the \$10 and under link on Raiseright.com for some great gifts/stocking stuffers.
- **Cash & Carry:** C&C is back this week! Pick up your order or pop into the main office on Thursday 8am-9am. 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). You must be registered to receive earnings or **NEW!** no registration is necessary if you want to allocate your earnings towards HCS Tuition Assistance.

- 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. 5 at 3:30pm and available for pick up on Tuesday, Nov. 11, after 2:45pm. Online ordering is available 24/7 on raiserright.com. Future Order Dates: Nov. 12, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.
- TRIP Volunteer Schedule: Nov. 4-Team B, Nov. 11-Team C, Nov. 18-Team D

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.