



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – December 8, 2025

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Math Pentathlon:** Second and third graders joined after school Math Pentathlon groups this fall and winter. They learned how to play 5 different games during the 10 weeks. Students used their knowledge of geometry, computation, and logical reasoning to develop strategies. The season ended in a Saturday tournament with some tough competition!

Although all of the participants were winners because of their play, their love for the games, and their sportsmanship, 5 students were awarded trophies for their wins in the individual games.

- Fiar - Austin L
- Ramrod - Alan V
- Sum Dominoes & Dice - Carly K
- Par 55 - Ollie B.
- Kwatro Sinko - Daphne P

Thanks also to the helpers who encouraged students and helped with game play throughout the season!

Jonah F, Emma J, Caleb K, Logan P, Allison S, Mikayla W, Anayeli F, Violet G, Owen H, Kaleb S and Alexa V

- **Christmas Concert:** This Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m., the Beginning Band and Junior High Bands and Choirs will present their annual Christmas Concert. Please come and share this special evening with us, as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior!
- **Donut Day:** Donut Day is this Wednesday, December 10. 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.
- **December Saturday Serve: This Saturday Serve will focus on encouraging our seniors or shut-ins by making cards.** Come as a family to create and write Christmas messages to senior citizens or shut-ins. Caring, encouraging messages in a hand-made card can really make a difference. This is a significant way to share God’s love with people in our community. This Saturday Serve is open to all ages and creative ability. Templates to create cards will be provided. There also will be printed cards to color. Thank you for your work in bringing God’s Kingdom on earth.

Date: Saturday, December 13

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **NOTE:** time change

Place: Highland Christian School 3040 Ridge Road Highland, IN

We will meet in the Commons. (small gym in the Junior high wing)

RSVP: [December Saturday Serve Sign-up](#)

Questions: Contact Vicki Huizenga vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org

- **Christmas Gift 2025:** We have an opportunity to be Scripture Followers who help people experiencing oppression, poverty, hunger, and illness, by purchasing :

- **trees** - providing food, income, medicine, shade, & environmental protection
- **seeds** - providing a varied diet necessary for good health
- **gardens** - providing fresh produce for a family's diet
- **soap** - providing instruction in health & hygiene
- **water filter** - providing access to clean water
- **latrines** - providing safe sanitation & eliminating the spread of disease;



How to share the message of God's love:

- Follow the directions to create & decorate an envelope.
- Put money (cash or checks-payable to World Renew) in the envelope & seal.
- Place your envelope in the mailbox by the Christmas tree.
- Pray for the people around the world. **Ephesians 6:18:** "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people".

Students received a template of an envelope with this information on the page. If you would like to participate in sending a message of God's love to people around the world, follow the directions on the paper and return the envelope to school. Questions - contact Vicki Huizenga - vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org

- **Christmas Spirit Week: Next week, School Life has put together dress up days on December 17-19 and they would love to have ALL kids participate.**
 - **Wednesday - 12/17-** Christmas Flannel or Fleece PJs
 - **Thursday - 12/18-** Ugly Christmas Sweater (or something "Christmasy")
 - **Friday - 12/19 -** Candy Cane Colors - Red & White (maybe green)



- **Devotionals:** In response to a request for Christmas gifts that nurture our students' faith, Mrs. Huizenga has gathered a [list of great devotional books](#) for students. These are organized by age levels and include the link to Amazon so you can read their description of the book. We hope this is helpful if you are looking for a stocking stuffer or gift this Christmas that will grow relationships with Jesus and His Word.
- **School Bell Wish List:** The holidays are upon us, and deals are popping up everywhere! If you would like to bless our amazing teachers with something from their wishlist, they would be so grateful. Here is the [LINK](#) to the wishlist!
- **HCS Listening Groups:** Your voice is important! In January, we are welcoming 4th and 5th grade parents to two listening sessions! Please note that space is limited to 12 parents in each session. As the year progresses, families from other grades will also have the opportunity to participate later in the school year. We are looking forward to hearing your valued and important feedback! To sign up, please complete the following [Sign-Up Genius Form](#).
- **Philadelphia Trip:** 7th grade parents– Mark your calendar for the 7th grade Parent Night for 2027 Trip to Philadelphia. This meeting includes a presentation, comments on cost and safety, and opportunity for questions about fundraising. The meeting is on January 12, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

- **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. Get your tickets [HERE!](#) Seats are limited — reserve yours today, and bring someone you care about. Let's gather, listen, and be changed together!

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.

- **Hot Lunch Menu-** [December Lunch Menu](#)
- **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](#).

ATHLETIC NEWS:

December 10: Boys Basketball

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

December 12: Cheer Performance

- Highland Christian Gym- 5 p.m.

December 13: 6th and 7th Grade Boys Basketball Tournaments

- 6th grade @ Highland Christian (HOME)
- 7th grade @ Calvary Christian (AWAY)

FAITH CORNER:

At this time of the year we recognize that our hearts were created to be filled with **PEACE**. But in this world our hearts can get easily distracted.

What does **PEACE** look like for you?

I want everyone to get along at Christmas dinner.

I would love some quiet time with a cup of cocoa and a good book.

I pray that conflicts around the world cease.

May our desire for **PEACE** be focused on the gift of Jesus in the manger. This Advent we will focus on the **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE** that Jesus brings to our lives. Take some time during the week (it can be broken up over several days) to read the Scripture passage, to talk about Scripture, and to live out Scripture during this season.

We tend to think of **PEACE** as the opposite of war, an absence of hostility, or an end to conflict. But the Biblical meaning of **PEACE** (Shalom) includes far more concepts. **PEACE** (Shalom) encompasses the concepts of order, stability, well-being, and flourishing; everything being the way God intended it to be. Isaiah introduces us to a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of **PEACE**; His name is Jesus.

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20 - Jesus is born and the shepherds visit

TALK ABOUT SCRIPTURE: Jesus wasn't born to rich people in a palace or even in a comfortable room. He was laid in a manger, a water trough for animals. God gave Jesus this common birth so all people could see that He came to bring **PEACE** (Shalom) to ALL people.

Younger Kids: *Take a look out the window. What do you see? Trees, clouds, birds, snow, sunshine. . .*

What did the shepherds on the hillside see and hear?

How do you think the shepherds felt after seeing the angels?

*Take time this week to thank God for **ALL** He created. Thank Him also for the amazing gift of Jesus.*

Older Kids: *What has God done for you or your family?*

If you were a shepherd, what would you have done after seeing Jesus?

How can you be like the shepherds and share the good news of what God is doing in your life?



LIVE OUT SCRIPTURE: Because of Jesus, we have the opportunity to bring **PEACE** (Shalom) into the world.

-Take a drive to look at the Christmas lights. As you drive, pray for the people in the homes you pass.

-Pray for your family, your church, and for people who don't know Jesus. Ask God to help you share His **PEACE**.

-Bring the Christmas Gift envelope back to school to help World Renew bring **PEACE** (Shalom) to people around the world.

PRAY SCRIPTURE:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" John 14:27

God, thank you for your **PEACE** in Jesus. Thank you for our family, our church family, and our school family. Help us be bright lights pointing others to you and your **PEACE**. Amen.

PTO NEWS:

- The **"Favorite Things"** lists for all HCS Employees have been updated! You can access the google doc [HERE](#) or you can find it in FACTS under the Resource Document tab.
- Please note the date change for the **K-2 Family Fun Night!** The event will be on Friday, January 23, 2026 instead of Friday, January 16, 2026. More details to come!
- **Staff Appreciation Breakfast:** PTO is blessing the staff by providing breakfast on Wednesday, December 17. If you would like to serve, sign-up [HERE!](#)

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **This week is the last chance to place an order for physical gift cards before Christmas!** Be sure to turn in your order by 3:30pm on Wednesday, December 10th (pick up on Dec.16). Online ordering (for ship to home, reloads, or egift cards) is available 24/7. January TRIP Schedule: Jan. 13, Jan 20, Jan 27.
- **Cash & Carry:** C& C is available until December 18. Pop in on Thursday, Dec 11 or 18 (8-9am) to buy gift cards we have available for immediate purchase. To ensure we have the type or quantity of cards you need, send an email to trip@highlandchristian.org 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).

- **Dazzle Days (Nov. 29-Dec. 12):** Take your holiday budget further and earn even more with bonuses on popular brands for holiday shopping. Plus, watch your email and Facebook for daily surprise flash bonuses.
- **TRIP Volunteer Schedule:** Dec 9-TRIP Office Team, Dec. 16-Team C, Jan 13-Team D

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Red Oaks Ranch** invites you to their event “Christmas Fun with Horses” from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on December 11-13 or December 18-20. For more information, please visit their website [Red Oaks Ranch](#).
- **Illiana Wrestling Club:** We're excited to invite you to join the Illiana Wrestling Club. We have hosted week long camps previously but this is our first year of a full season club. With the start of wrestling teams at Crown Point Christian last year and Highland Christian this year, we are very excited to see the sport of wrestling growing in this community. Whether you're an experienced wrestler or completely new to the sport, our club offers a supportive, high-energy environment where athletes can grow, learn and develop confidence and a competitive spirit.

Our winter season is available to boys and girls of all skill levels from ages 5 through 8th grade. We meet every Monday and Thursday in the wrestling room at Illiana Christian High School from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. There is no requirement to be at every practice every week.

What do you need to join and how much does it cost? We have no cost for membership to our club, but you must have a USA Wrestling card with an Athlete membership that will cost you \$45.00 for the calendar year. This will allow you to practice and compete at tournaments as those opportunities arise. Don't want to commit yet? Come to a practice and check us out first!

If your student is looking to challenge themselves, build strength, discipline and become part of a community that pushes each other to be their best, we'd love to have them with us. Don't forget to bring a friend!

If you're interested or have any questions feel free to reach out to us at IllianaWrestling@gmail.com. Also look out for our first, ever Girls Only wrestling camp in January of this upcoming year.

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