



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – January 12, 2026

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Reminder:** There is no school next Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- **Chapel:** Everyone is invited to our 1st Semester Gifts Assembly in the gym this Friday, January 16 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Donut Day:** Donut Day is this Wednesday, January 14. 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.
- **Girls on the Run:** Girls on the Run is looking for coaches! No running expertise needed! You just need a heart to mentor 3rd- 5th grade girls. Dads are welcome to coach as well. Teens, 16+, can become junior coaches. The Season Begins: March 2 (and finishes May 18). Please contact Amber Powell for more information (apowell@highlandchristian.org, 219-838-0356 ext. #150). The girls will be able to sign up for the program beginning February 2. *Girls on the Run has fun, evidence-based programs that inspire participants to recognize their inner strength, increase their level of physical activity, imagine their possibilities, and confidently stand up for themselves and others.*
- **Read-A-Thon:** The Lake County Public Library Read-a-Thon has begun. Each student has an opportunity to participate in this great fundraiser. The funds raised go to the Public Library and our own school library. The money raised for our library goes toward new books for the students to read. Everyone who raises money receives a ribbon or a trophy - the dollar amounts for each award is on the green information sheet. Your child (grades K-5) was given a green sheet with the information - to receive a fundraising envelope you child can return the green permission slip to Judy ZAndstra in the library. Thanks for participating and encouraging reading within your family.
- **Report Cards:** 2nd Quarter report cards will be available for parents to view on this Friday, January 16.
- **Saturday Serve:** January’s Saturday Serve will focus on supporting the HCS community by serving at our thrift store. Come as a family and gather at *etc. . . Thrift Store* to sort, hang, size, and color code clothing. Since we will gather before the store opens, we may have the opportunity to organize and clean some of the displays. This is a great family event. What a great way to show our support and thanks to this organization who gives back to the families of HCS. Thank you for your work in bringing God’s Kingdom on earth. Questions? Contact Vicki Huizenga vhuizena@highlandchristian.org
Date: Saturday, January 24
Time: 9 - 11 am
Place: etc . . . Thrift Store 1650 US-41, Schererville, IN 46375
Sign-up: [Saturday Serve Signup](#)

- **Attendance/Tardy Reminder:** School attendance is highly correlated with student success. For this reason, tight policies are in place for attendance and tardies, as seen in the [Parent/Student Handbook](#). Parents **MUST** call or email the office (219-838-0356 or hcsoffice@highlandchristian.org) by 8:25 a.m. to inform the school of a student's absence and the reason for the absence. Please leave a message if the office is closed. Notifying the teacher is helpful and encouraged, but the official call off must be done through the school office.
- **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.

- **6th Grade Fun Night:** For the past three years, area Christian schools have encouraged Junior High Fun where students get to know one another off the basketball court, volleyball court, or soccer field. We have created opportunities for Fun & Fellowship with food and games.

When: Friday, January 30

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Place: Highland Christian School

More details can be found [HERE!](#)



- **Hot Lunch Menu-** [January Lunch Menu](#)
- **Employment Opportunities:** To view all of our current openings, please visit our [website](#).

ATHLETIC NEWS:

January 15: Girls Basketball

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

FAITH CORNER:

The Practice of Celebrating

Celebrations are commonplace in our lives. We celebrate all sorts of defining moments in our lives: birthdays, graduations, and weddings being the big three. We also celebrate holidays, the New Year, sporting events, and achievements in our lives. We like to celebrate, and almost any occasion will do.

Through the faith practice of celebrating, we delight in circumstances, relationships, and occasions that help us remember and anticipate God's abundant goodness, creativity, faithfulness, beauty, and love.

Read Scripture: Psalm 103

During this week, read **ALL** or parts of this Psalm as you celebrate God and what He has and is doing. Here are some **WONDER** activities to incorporate with your reading.

Psalm 103:1-5 - Celebrate God's love & mercy

Cut out a large paper heart. Write down ways God has or is making His love evident to you. Include the daily blessings God provides.

Psalm 103: 8-12 - Celebrate God's loving forgiveness

Take time to write a love letter to God like this example. Read the letters as a prayer after a meal or before bed.

Dear God,

I love you more than all the stars in the sky and all the fish in the ocean!

Thank you for my cozy bed and for my family who hugs me.

Thank you for making me.

Help me be kind to my little brother and help me learn my ABCs.

You know everything, and I'm glad you're my God.

Love,

Psalm 103: 20-22 - Celebrate God with all creation

Take a walk at night. Celebrate God as you count the stars and view the moon.

Watch a nature show about your favorite animal. Celebrate God's creativity in a platypus, sloth, Monarch butterfly, sea turtle, or your family pet.

Draw your self-portrait. Have someone trace your outline on a large sheet of paper. Decorate it to look like you.

Write down the ways God has made you "fearfully and wonderfully". Celebrate God's design in you.

Turn on music and dance!! Dance like a turtle or penguin. Stomp like an elephant or float like a bee.

Pray

Dear God,

Remind me to praise you today. Help me make a list of your unfailing blessings.

Thank you for your forgiveness and second chances. Thank you for being slow to anger and abounding in love.

I will join with all of creation to praise your name.

Amen.

PTO NEWS:

- **Get ready for a family fun night that's out of this world!** K-2 students and their families are invited to join us on Friday, January 23rd for Professor Wow's Outer Space Adventures, a show that introduces the basic concepts of astronomy to space explorers. The show starts at 6:30pm and is located in the HCS gym.

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **T.R.I.P. Tip:** RaiseRight has a fantastic mobile app available on the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. It is great for checking balances on your gift cards, uploading egift cards and reloading gift cards instantly (when linking your bank account) plus much, much more. For questions or assistance, email trip@highlandchristian.org.
- **T.R.I.P. Schedule:** Our next order for physical gift cards is due on Wednesday, January 14 at 3:30pm. This order will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Jan. 20 after 2:45pm. Cash and Carry is available! Email trip@highlandchristian.org for questions or orders.
- **Upcoming T.R.I.P. Order Dates:** Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4
- **T.R.I.P. Volunteer Schedule:** Jan-20, Jan 27-Team B, Feb. 3-Team C, Feb. 10-Team D

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Middle School Night at Illiana Christian:** We are excited to invite our middle school students to Loud Crowd Night on Friday, January 23 at 7:00 PM. Students will receive free entry to the game, and concessions will be available for purchase (cash only). The theme for the night is Red, White, and Blue, so students are encouraged to dress accordingly and show their school spirit. Following the game, students are invited to stay for Praise Crowd, a time of worship and reflection. Praise Crowd typically ends around 9:30pm. We hope to see a loud and spirited crowd supporting our team and enjoying a great night together. Contact Jenna Dutton at jdutton@illianachristian.org with any questions.