



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – January 20, 2026

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **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.
- **Late Start:** This Wednesday, January 21, 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.
- **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 vhuizenga@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](#)
- **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.
- **Girls on the Run: Girls on the Run registration opens for girls in 3RD-5TH grade Monday, February 2 at 6am! SPACE IS LIMITED** Register at www.gotrofnwi.org. The season is March 2- May 16 (5K on May 16), practices on Mondays and Thursdays. Any questions please contact Amber Powell [219-838-0358x150](tel:219-838-0358x150). apowell@highlandchristian.org
- **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:

Special Announcement: Our league president, Nicki Jager, has asked us to share a special communication from our Chicagoland Christian Athletic League regarding changes to league tournaments. You can view this communication [HERE](#).

January 20 : Girls 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.**

January 22: Girls Basketball

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

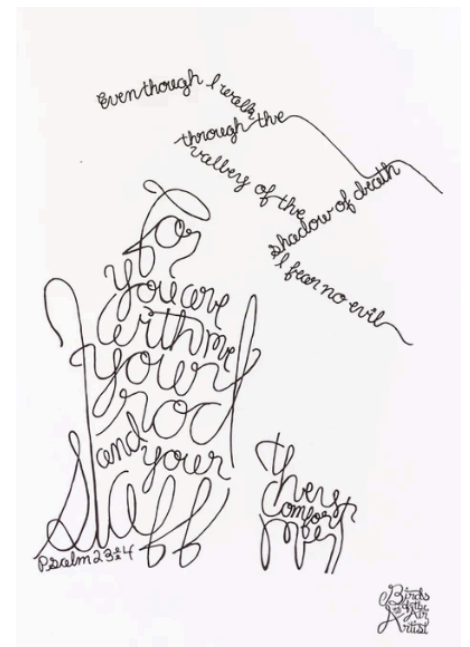
FAITH CORNER:

This week let's dive into ways that our families can make space for God in our everyday lives. By spending time with God's Word thinking about **His Presence in our lives**, we will build strong faith practices within our family.

Questions: What is something scary, happy, or sad that happened this week?
How did that make you feel?

Bible passage: Read **Psalm 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 He refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.



You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Questions: After reading **Psalm 23:4** - Talk about a scary, happy, or sad time when you felt God was with you.
When did you feel God with you today or during this week?
After reading **Psalm 23:6** - How does it feel to know God's love follows you everyday?

Prayer:

God, As we start a new week, thank you for being with us.

We know this week may bring happy, sad, and exciting things.

We pray about things happening in our family and in our world . . .

(invite everyone to name things that they are excited or anxious about)

We don't know what the future looks like, but we thank you that you never leave us-no matter what.

Amen.

Activities: Using a permanent marker, write **God is with me** on a smooth stone. Carry that stone in your pocket to remind yourself that God is with you.
Make a bracelet using purple beads (the color of royalty). Wear it to remember that God, your King, is always with you.

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. *Doors open at 6:15PM and the show starts at 6:30pm and is located in the HCS gym. In order to ensure we have enough seating we ask that only students from kindergarten through second grade and their immediate families join us for the show.

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **Ship, Ship, Hooray! Giveaway Jan. 17-Jan. 13:** Each time you purchase a gift card (egift or reload) from select vendors, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card! Participating vendors are Arby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Doordash, Home Chef, Home Depot, IHOP, Instacart, Panda Express, Uber, Ulta Beauty or Walgreens. Please see Raiseright.com for details or email us at trip@highlandchristian.org for questions.
- **T.R.I.P. Schedule:** Our next order for physical gift cards is due on Wednesday, January 21 at 3:30pm. This order will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Jan. 27 after 2:45pm. Cash and Carry is available by request. Please email all Cash and Carry orders to trip@highlandchristian.org.
- **Upcoming T.R.I.P. Order Dates:** Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18
- **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.

- **Attention future Illiana families:** Please watch for upcoming communication from Illiana Christian High School regarding placement testing for all incoming freshmen, scheduled for the evening of March 24, 2026. Be sure to mark your calendars as the testing is mandatory.
- **Youth Acting Classes at Towle Theater:** Towle Theater is now offering 6-week Youth Acting Classes for both kids (ages 8–12) and teens (ages 13–18). These classes are designed to build confidence, creativity, communication skills, and teamwork through theater games, improvisation, and scene work — all in a fun, supportive environment. Each session also ends with a casual in-class showcase for family and friends. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **Keeping Our Kids Cyber Safe:** As part of Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Sheltered91's Enrich Prevention Initiative is thrilled to invite you to a powerful and informative **Parent Education Night** featuring **Retired Detective Richard Wistocki**.

All parents, guardians, teachers and grandparents are welcome to attend. Detective Richard Wistocki, nationally recognized **High Technology Cyber Crimes Specialist and TED speaker**, will be presenting proactive strategies, expert insight, and invaluable resources designed to empower you to combat Cyber-Bullying, Vaping and Sexting.

The event will be held January 29 at 7pm at The Gathering NWI Church 360 East Lincoln Highway, Schererville IN 46375. [Reserve your seat](#) as space is limited. See the [attached flyer](#) for more details!

- Looking for a summer camp to send the kiddos to? Camp Manitoqa might be the place. Check out their [flyer](#) for more information!