



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – January 26, 2026

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **January Saturday Serve:** Thank you to all who came out on Saturday to help at ETC. We had more than 15 HCS families clean and organize the shelves of home goods, sort and hang clothing to sell, and size and color code clothing on the sales floor. Thank you for making this **Saturday Serve** a blessing to our school and community. Thank you Beth Mills and the ETC staff for organizing a great service day. Look for information and a sign up for our February Saturday Serve (2-21) in the upcoming Husky Howler and in future Parent Notes.
- **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.
- **Everyone is invited to the all-school chapel this Friday at 8:30 a.m. led by our 4th grade students.**
- **Donut Day:** Donut Day is this Wednesday, January 28. 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.

- **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

RSVP: [HERE](#)



- **Fusion:** Please watch this special [MESSAGE](#) from **John O’Leary** and 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](#) NOW as seats are limited and are selling quickly! 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
- **HCS Listening Groups:** Our 6th-8th grade listening sessions will be held on Monday, February 2 from 8:15 AM to 9:15 AM & Thursday, February 12 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and are open to families of 6th- 8th grade students. Space is limited to 12 parents in each session. If both sessions fill up, we will provide additional opportunities. We are looking forward to hearing your valued and important feedback!
To sign up, please complete the following [Sign-Up Genius Form](#)
- **Musical Theater:** Parents, we are so excited to be in rehearsals for Mary Poppins - can't wait to show you our talents on April 30th and May 1st! We will encounter prop needs as the play progresses. At this point we are looking for two coat racks, wooden, very simple. Please contact Judy Zandstra, in the library, if you have one available for us to use. Thanks so much
- **Hot Lunch Menu-** [January Lunch Menu](#), [February 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 27: Girls 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.**

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 Love for us**, we will build strong faith practices within our family.

Questions: Who is someone you love?
What is something you really love?
How do you show someone that you love them?

Bible passage: Read **I John 4:7-16** The passage below is from the NLT.

Loving One Another

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

13 And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. 14 Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

Questions: After reading **I John 4:7-16** - Talk about how you have seen God's love to your family this month. What helps you believe that God loves you?
Name a person who showed you God's love today. Tell what he or she did.
Romans 8:38-39 says, "**Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love,**" and it lists some of the things that can't separate us from God. Can you list more things?

Prayer:

God, your love is so big! You love us more than we could ever imagine.
You show your love for us in so many ways (*invite everyone to name some ways*)
We thank you most of all for sending your Son, Jesus, to live on earth as a person, to show us how to love God and love each other, to die on the cross for us, and to rise again.
We are thankful for your amazing love.

Activities: - Give someone a big hug and say "God loves you!"
- Make a poster that says "**God is Love**" (I John 4:16) Decorate it with colored paper hearts. Write a way that God shows His love on each heart. Hang it where you'll see it often.
- Send a card to someone. Draw a heart inside and write "God loves you" in the heart.

PTO NEWS:

Our K-2 Family Fun Night, Professor Wow's Outer Space Adventures, has been rescheduled to April 10, 2026.

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **New Vendor:** Jersey Mike's Subs gift cards (egift and physical) are now available with a 6% rebate.
- **T.R.I.P. Schedule:** Our next order for physical gift cards is due on Wednesday, January 28 at 3:30pm. This order will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 3 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:** Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25
- **T.R.I.P. Volunteer Schedule:** Jan 27-Team B, Feb. 3-Team C, Feb. 10-Team D, Feb. 17-Team A

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **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 Manitoqua might be the place. Check out their [flyer](#) for more information!