



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – February 9, 2026

*“Scripture Follower”*

II Timothy 3:16-17

## SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Important Reminder:** There is no school this Friday, February 13 and Monday, February 16.
- **Donut Day:** Donut Day is this Wednesday, February 11. 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.
- **Everyone is invited to the all-school chapel this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. led by our 2nd grade students.**
- **All-School Skating Party:** We're excited to invite all HCS students and their families to our **All-School Skating Party** on **Thursday, February 12**, from **6:00–9:00 p.m.** at **Lynwood Sports Center** (2030 Glenwood-Dyer Rd., Lynwood). *Both admission tickets and skate rental tickets will be pre-sold in the school office beginning **Monday, February 9*** to help reduce wait times. Cash or checks only! **All tickets are non-refundable.** Tickets can also be purchased at the door of the event. You are allowed to bring your own skates.
  - **Admission:** \$3.00 per person (red ticket)
  - **Skate Rental:** \$3.00 per person (blue ticket)
- **Morning drop-off Announcement:** Based on feedback from our parent listening groups, we're piloting a new drop-off procedure. For the remainder of February, buses will remain in the bus lane until 8:20 a.m. to help speed up the drop-off line. If this adjustment proves successful, we'll share whether it will become a permanent part of our morning procedures. Stay tuned!
- **HCS Listening Groups:** Our 6th-8th grade listening sessions will be held on Thursday, February 12 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and Friday, February 27 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. These sessions 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](#)
- **Re-Enrollment:** Re-enrollment packets will be issued on **February 16** and due on **March 16**. These packets include items such as applying for the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program, updating medical information, agreeing to HCS policies, signing up for bus, BAC, milk, and hot lunch, etc. **All items** within your re-enrollment packet must be completed in order for your contract to be submitted. **Failure to complete and submit the re-enrollment contract and packet by March 16, may result in the loss of a seat.**

For those applying for the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program, if you are unable to upload your completed 2025 tax return by March 16, you **must** contact Mrs. Katie Hernandez, Data Specialist, at [khernandez@highlandchristian.org](mailto:khernandez@highlandchristian.org) and share your tax timeline.

- **3-5th grade Parent Survey:** As a learning community, we deliberately seek feedback from our stakeholders to celebrate great work and understand opportunities for future improvements. Each year, we ask for feedback on a number of teachers. For the 25-26 school year, we are seeking feedback for the elementary department (3rd-5th grade) teachers. Thank you for taking the time to complete this [short survey](#). This survey can be taken multiple times for different staff members through Friday, February 27. Again, thank you for your feedback. Hearing from you is very important as we seek to serve your child and family well.
- **February Saturday Serve: Our Saturday Serve in February will focus on sharing God’s love through fleece blankets.** Come as a family and gather in the gym at HCS to create fleece blankets for various organizations: Phil’s Friends, Something to Hold, PASS, etc. We will be cutting and tying fleece to create blankets. This is a significant way to share God’s love with people in our community.

**Date:** Saturday, February 21

**Time:** 9:00 - 11:00 am

**Place:** Highland Christian School gym 3040 Ridge Road Highland, IN

**RSVP:** [February Saturday Serve signup](#)

This Saturday Serve is open to all ages. Cutting the fleece strips will require good scissors (If you have a pair that cuts fabric well, please bring them.) and excellent cutting skills (This will not be the task for preschool - primary students.) Tying the fleece strips would be an excellent parent-child activity. We will also be making cards for Phil’s Friends (an organization that supports people with a cancer diagnosis). Templates will be provided. These encouraging cards are sent to cancer patients monthly. **Thank you for your work in bringing God’s Kingdom on earth.** Questions? Contact Vicki Huizenga [vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org](mailto:vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org)

- **Book Week:** February 23-27 is this year's Book Week. We are celebrating the joys of reading and having the annual Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair will be open Tuesday, February 24 to Friday, February 27 from 8am to 4 pm (there are afternoon shifts still available so come and help out if you can). Reading will be done daily within the classroom and everyday will stress the fun of reading through an olympic dress up theme. Join us for the fun and establish a reading time at home too! Please click [HERE](#) for more information regarding the book fair!

Reading is an Olympic Sport:

**Monday** – “Speed or Sprint” to a library for a good book – wear team or country colors

**Tuesday** – “Curling” up with a book is the best – wear flannel or a cozy shirt.

**Wednesday** – “Luge” into a book – Wear something athletic

**Thursday** – Reading lets you be the best “you” you can be – Book Character Day!

**Friday** – “Ring” in Knowledge with books – Wear a color from the Olympic rings (blue, yellow, black, green or red).

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

## ATHLETIC NEWS:

### February 10: Girls Basketball

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

### February 11: Girls Basketball

- 7th grade @ Lansing Christian (AWAY) 4:00 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 **God's World** we will build strong faith practices within our family.

**Questions:**     What is the biggest thing you noticed in God's World today?  
                      Which is your favorite season of the year?  
                      What is your favorite animal?

### **Bible passage: Psalm 96: 1-3; 10-13 NIRV**

Sing a new song to the LORD.

    All you people of the earth, sing to the LORD.

Sing to the LORD. Praise him.

    Day after day tell about how he saves us.

Tell the nations about his glory.

    Tell all people about the wonderful things he has done.

Say to the nations, "The LORD rules."

    The world is firmly set in place. It can't be moved.

    The LORD will judge the people of the world fairly.

Let the heavens be full of joy. Let the earth be glad.

    Let the ocean and everything in it roar.

Let the fields and everything in them be glad.

    Let all the trees in the forest sing for joy.

Let all creation be full of joy in front of the LORD, because he is coming to judge the earth.

    He will faithfully judge the people of the world in keeping with what is right.

**Questions:**     How does nature remind you to praise God?  
                      Did you see a part of God's creation that needs someone to take better care of it?  
                      Tell something you learned about one of God's creatures.

### **Prayer:**

God, Thank you for making a wonderful world for us to live in. Your creation is so beautiful!

Thank you for . . . (invite everyone to name parts of God's creation)

Help us to take care of your world.

Show us how to share its goodness with others. Amen

### **Activities:**

    Pick up some trash outside.

    Find three things you can recycle so that they don't take up space in a landfill.

    Draw a big mural of God's earth. Fill it with pictures or drawings of animals and people.

    Take a walk in the woods and listen to the wind in the trees.

    Read [\*The Things God Made\*](#) by Andy McGuire.

    Start a collection of rocks, pinecones, leaves, or pressed flowers to celebrate God's World.



## T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **Last TRIP Tuition Credit for 25/26 School Year Information:** Mark your calendars! April 21st is the cutoff day for earnings to be applied for this year's tuition for HCS and ICBS. All orders placed after April 21st will be applied to next year's tuition. If this is a transition year for your family, please see the following 3 options to ensure your account is up to date or closed.
  - If it is your child's last year at HCS but will be attending ICBS, please coordinate changes with Sherry Hiatt ([trip@highlandchristian.org](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org), ext. 199).
  - If it is your child's last year at HCS and will not be attending ICBS, please coordinate your final TRIP credit with Roberta Huitsing (ext. 152) or April Vander Meyden (ext. 166).
  - If it is your child's last year at ICBS, please coordinate your final credit with Kathy West (219-558-7066, ext. 111).
- T.R.I.P. Schedule: Our next order for physical gift cards is due on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 3:30pm. This order will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 17 after 2:45pm. Cash and Carry is available by request. Please email all Cash and Carry requests to [trip@highlandchristian.org](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org). Upcoming T.R.I.P. Order Dates: Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25 and March 4
- T.R.I.P. Volunteer Schedule: Feb. 10-Team D, Feb. 17-Team A, Feb. 24-Team B, March 3-Team C

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Preview Illiana:** Please join us on Thursday, March 12 for our last PREVIEW ILLIANA of the year! Preview Illiana is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to experience Illiana. Meet with faculty and administration, tour our campus, and have all your questions answered. You'll be able to hear from our Head of School and Principal, meet teachers and students, attend informative sessions about Illiana's curriculum and learning opportunities in music, art, STEM, and core subjects, learn how Illiana builds college- and career-readiness, and experience Illiana's mission to develop a passion for God, people, and the world. All middle school students and prospective high school transfer students will receive a free Illiana t-shirt! [REGISTER FOR PREVIEW HERE](#)  
Questions can be directed to our Director of Admissions, Jenna Dutton at [jdutton@illianachristian.org](mailto:jdutton@illianachristian.org)
- **Boys Basketball Skills Session:** The Performance and Mobility Lab is hosting a basketball skills session on February 21 for boys ages 8-12. This skill session is free, all they have to do is register for it. For more information, please see the [attached flyer](#).
- **P.I.E Fundraiser at Illiana: Tuesday, February 24, 2026** will be our annual P.I.E pizza & pie fundraiser to support the Excellence in Education Fund. Money raised is used to purchase educational tools for every department. We approved nearly \$65,000 this school year!
  - **We are offering Rosati's Take and Bake Deep Dish Pizza (10" - 4 slices) - cheese, sausage, or pepperoni - and Rise 'n Roll Apple or Cherry Pie.**
  - Pick-up will be in the Commons at Illiana between 2:00 - 5:00 pm ON February 24. Note that these pizzas come frozen and can be stored for several months.
  - There are three ways to donate: check or cash at pick-up or via credit card in the space provided on the form. Please consider a minimum donation of \$20 per pizza and \$20 per pie.
  - After ordering, please make sure you receive a confirmation email to show when you pick up your order on February 24.
  - If you have any questions please contact Cortney Housman at 708.653.1345
  - **Please fill out the [form](#) to place your order!** Order deadline is February 18, 2026