



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – April 27, 2026

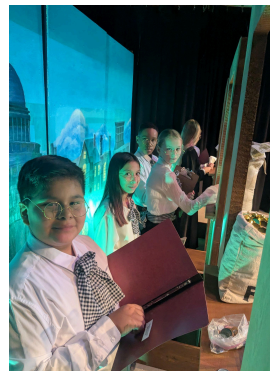
“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **AUCTION:** We have such a spectacularly special community! THANKS TO ALL who took part in our annual Auction! We raised over \$172K and exceeded our goals! Great thanks for your incredible generosity! If you still need to pick up your items, please meet us in the gym TONIGHT between 3-6pm.
- **Muffins with your Miss:** [Muffins with your favorite Miss](#) is this Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30am on the soccer field. All students may invite their favorite Miss to school. Bring a blanket or chair. PTO is also in need of volunteers for this event. Sign up [HERE](#) if you are interested.

- **JRH Musical is THIS WEEK:** Everyone is invited to the musical, "Mary Poppins", on Thursday and Friday. The Jr High students have worked very hard preparing for you! Come see the great results!! Doors open at 6:30 on Thursday and at 6:50 on Friday. General admission tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and can be purchased at the door. This will be two fun evenings filled with music and family. We'd love to have you there!



- **Young Authors Day:** On Tuesday, April 28, we welcome Olympic podcaster Jill Jiracz! She will be giving a presentation about her work to K-5 students.
- **Congratulations to our Young Authors winners:** Students in grades 1-6 wrote books for Young Authors, and two students from each classroom were chosen as winners. These students, along with hundreds of students from area schools, attended the Young Authors Festival at Chicago Christian High School last Tuesday. They met author Dana VanderLugt, shared books they've written, were entertained by an improv group, and participated in a writers' workshop. Congratulations, students!

- **Impact Week:** We want to sense the Holy Spirit's call to build God's Kingdom by serving each other in love. Next week, May 4 - 8, we will go out into the community and beyond to serve others in the name of Jesus. We will be raking leaves, visiting seniors, prepping for VBS, making fleece blankets, picking up garbage, packing food boxes, and more. If you would like to help, please sign-up here: [Impact Week Signup](#)

What do we need for Impact Week?

1. We need your prayers for:
 - a. good weather for the outside projects
 - b. safety for travel to and from the sites & while working at the sites
 - c. a spirit of cooperation and service
 - d. God's Kingdom growth because of the work of our hands.
2. We need volunteers to supervise Junior High students as they serve on **Friday, May 8 from 8:30 - noon.**

3. We need supplies for some of the projects:
 - a. rakes - Please label with your name.
 - b. plastic gloves for lawn work
 - c. fleece fabric for blankets - The fabric pieces should be a 2 yard piece of material.

- **Retirement Wishes!** Help us celebrate our special retirees by sharing your [well wishes here!!](#) We are collecting fond memories, words of encouragement and happy retirement blessings for **Joyce, Kathy, Gail, Diana, Laurie, and Cheryl.**



In addition to gathering your well wishes, we will be celebrating all of our retirees on **Thursday, May 7, 2026** with an Open House, serving cake and refreshments in the gym from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Stop by and wish them well!

- **May Saturday Serve:** During the first week of May, we participate in IMPACT Week at HCS. Our goal is to help students sense ways that the Holy Spirit is leading them to make a difference in our school, community, culture, and world. Some ways students will make an IMPACT is by sorting clothes, making placemats, raking leaves, prepping for VBS, packing boxes, and visiting seniors.

We would love for you to join us as we close out IMPACT Week on **Saturday, May 9, 2026.** We will gather to create “Cups of Cheer” for people going through a difficult season.

INFORMATION:

Date: Saturday, May 9

Place: HCS gym

Time: 9-11

Activity:

- decorate coffee cups or mugs with cheerful messages
- fill the cups or mugs with a plant
- gift wrap the “Cup of Cheer”
- create a card and write a message of cheer
- deliver our “Cup of Cheer”

NEEDED:

- White or light colored coffee cups or mugs
- Names and addresses of HCS community members who could use a message of cheer.

*In order to prepare well for this, I need both of these by **Friday, May 1.***

- **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8:** Teacher Appreciation Week is just around the corner! If you’d like to show some appreciation for our amazing teachers, consider blessing them with an item from their [School Bell Wish List](#) or the [HCS Employee Favorite Things List](#). Your generosity means so much and is always deeply appreciated! Thank you for supporting our teachers and helping make them feel loved.
- 🐔 **Chickens Seeking New Homes This June!** 🏠 Many of our chickens will be looking for a new home this June! If you’re interested in some of our egg-laying birds, please reach out to Dawn Stammis at dstammis@highlandchristian.org. No worries - our coop won’t stay empty for long. New birds will be moving in later this summer!
- **Employment Opportunities:** Do you know someone who loves kids, loves Jesus, and would be an asset to our school community? We have several new openings for next year and we need your help to spread the word!! To view all of our current openings, please visit our [website](#).

- **Art Department:** Mrs. Evers is collecting **paper grocery bags with handles** for the students to take home their art projects from the year. She is also in need of **cereal boxes** for an upcoming project. Please send any donations to the office. Thank you!
- **Hot Lunch Menu-** [April Lunch Menu](#), [May Lunch Menu](#)

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Track Meet: Tuesday, April 28, at 4:00 pm at Chicago Christian High School.

Flag Football Games: Saturday, May 2, at 9:00 am at Illiana Christian.

FAITH CORNER:

The truth of living as a **Scripture Follower** means that we recognize that God’s Story shapes the story of our lives. God’s faithfulness is revealed to us in His beginning with creation and continuing to new creation. This story is centered on Jesus. His death and resurrection stand at the center; our lives are shaped by dying and rising with him. Because of Jesus, we are part of God’s story. As we read Scripture, we seek to listen to the living voice of God that addresses our everyday lives.

Bible passage: Deuteronomy 11:18-20

*18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.
19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
20 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates,*

Thoughts: In this chapter, Moses reminded Israel of all God had done for them. And he challenged them not to turn away from God as many had done in the past. Then, in these verses, he encouraged Israel to make God’s words to them a central part of their lives.

It is important to make God’s word a priority in our hearts and minds. Not just to read it, but to meditate on what it says to us. Allow God’s word to fill you and change you. And remember what He has done for you. This leads to personal spiritual growth and security in your faith.

Activities: Try one of these tools to help you spend time with God’s Word:

- 1. Lectio Divina** - an ancient method of engaging Scripture
 - a. Read** - Slowly read the Scripture passage. Notice which words or phrases catch your attention.
 - b. Meditate** - Read the passage again, focusing on the words and phrases that stood out in your first reading. Wonder what God is showing you.
 - c. Pray** - Read the passage a third time. Tell God about the thoughts or questions the passage has sparked in your mind and heart.
 - d. Contemplate** - Sit quietly for a moment resting in God’s love for you.
- 2. Journaling** - Have a written conversation with God. Explore questions or thoughts that this passage raised.
- 3. Ask wondering questions** about the passage. These are open-ended questions that can’t be answered with a simple “yes” or “no”.
 - a.** I wonder how you can “fix” God’s Word in your heart or mind?
 - b.** I wonder what words God wants us to remember?
 - c.** I wonder what you could make or do to remember God’s words?
 - d.** I wonder what God is saying to our family in this verse?

Prayer:

“Lord, I pray that I may lay up Your words in my heart. Bind them as a sign upon my hand and keep them before my eyes, so my actions and thoughts are guided by You. Give me the wisdom and diligence to teach Your truths to my children, speaking of them throughout our daily lives. Help me to live a life that reflects You, making my home a testimony of Your grace. Amen.”

PTO NEWS:

- **Interested in PTO?** Want to learn more about Highland Christian PTO? View our short presentation and recorded overview below.



[PTO Presentation](#)



[Recorded Overview](#)



[PTO Interest Form](#) - Submitting the form does not commit you, it simply lets us connect with you and share more information. We'd love to hear from you!

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **Mother's Day Bonuses:** Earn up to 25% on gifts for mom with 75+ gift card brands on bonus! Visit [Raiseright.com](https://www.raiseright.com) for details.
- **T.R.I.P. Schedule:** Our next order for physical gift cards is due on Wednesday, April 29 at 3:30pm. This order will be available for pick up on Tuesday, May 5 after 2:45pm. Online ordering is available 24/7 at [Raiseright.com](https://www.raiseright.com). Cash & Carry is available by email request at trip@highlandchristian.org. Available Vendors: Amazon (\$25), Aurelios (\$20), Beggars (\$20), Chick-fil-a (\$10), Culver's (\$10), Dunkin Donuts (\$10), Edwardo's/Miner Dunn (\$10), Hohman Hallmark (\$10), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Strack & Van Til (\$50 & \$100), Teibel's (\$25) and Zandstra's Greenhouse (\$17).
- **Upcoming Order Dates:** May 6, May 13, May 20 (final order for physical cards before Summer Break), Aug. 20
- **T.R.I.P. Volunteer Schedule:** April 28- Team A, May 5-Team B, May 12-Team C, May 19-Team D

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Illiana Viking Academy:** Illiana Christian HS Viking Academy Registration is officially OPEN for sign-ups! Whether your kiddo loves sports, arts, or adventure, we've got a spot just for them. Don't wait - spots will fill up fast! Sign up today and give your child a summer they'll never forget <https://www.illianachristian.org/life-ichs/viking-academy/>

- **The Towle Theater** is excited to announce our 2026 Summer Theater Intensive, featuring *High School Musical Jr.* This two-week immersive program is designed for students ages 10–18 who are passionate about performing or interested in exploring theater. Participants will receive hands-on training in acting, singing, and choreography, all while working collaboratively to bring a fully staged production to life. This program is a wonderful way for students to build confidence, make new friends, and experience the joy of live theater in a supportive, professional environment.

Performance: Students will perform *High School Musical Jr.* on: June 20 at 6:00 PM (Final Performance). Each participant will receive two complimentary tickets to the final performance. Additional tickets will be

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.
2-Week Summer Production Intensive
June 8-19 | 9AM-3PM (Mon-Fri) | Ages 10-18
\$425 per student
Learn Songs, Choreography & Acting!
Perform in a Fully Staged Show!
Performance: June 20 at 6PM
Invited Dress: June 19 at 6PM
enelson@towletheater.org
219-937-8780

available for purchase.

- **PM Hoops Academy:** The PM Hoops Academy is a 4-week basketball development program built for athletes ages 8–12, combining skill training, confidence building, and character development through a faith-based approach. Each session is structured to improve ball handling, footwork, finishing, and overall game understanding in a positive and focused environment.
Spots are limited to maintain quality coaching. 15 players max.
Early Bird registration is now open (2 spots already taken, 5 left).
Contact Coach DB if interested or click [HERE](#).
- **Soccer Shots:** Soccer Shots is hosting a summer camp at HCS on June 1-4 for ages 3-5 and 5-8. More info and sign-ups can be found [HERE](#).