



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – May 11, 2026

*“Scripture Follower”*

II Timothy 3:16-17

## SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Impact Week Thank You:** Thank you for 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.

Thank you to the volunteers who supervised students at the various sites.

Praise God for the seeds that were planted in these ministries with the work of our hands. Prayers for the work that God will continue to do.

- **THANK YOU!** The teachers who were honored at the retirement party would like to especially thank all who planned and helped with the event. It was a lovely evening! We would also like to thank all who attended and all who wrote such thoughtful and meaningful notes. We felt appreciated and celebrated! The HCS community will always hold a special place in our hearts.



- **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** The faculty and staff of HCS would like to thank our HCS families and PTO for the luncheon, goodies, gifts, and kind words given for Staff Appreciation Week. What a blessing to be a part of our HCS community! Thank you so much!
- **8th-grade Philadelphia Trip and 5th-grade Science Camp Trip:** On Tuesday, our 8th grade class will be heading to Philadelphia, and on Wednesday our 5th graders will head to Camp Roger in Michigan. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they spend time away from their homes.
- **GOTR 5K:** Our Girls on the Run will be running this Sat, May 16 at 10am! The race will begin at Highland High School and they will be running down 41st to Liable to Lincoln and down the bike trail to finish at the HHS football field. Find a spot on this route and cheer them on!
- **25/26 Yearbook: NEW THIS YEAR!** We will be selling yearbooks on Thursday, May 21st and Friday, May 22nd. Students in grades 3rd-8th will be able to purchase yearbooks during their lunch time. A table will be set up by the art room. Students in SEC- 2nd grade will receive an order form that will be sent home Fri, May 15. Yearbooks will be sold for \$20 this year, please send cash or check made out to HCS. Anything left over will be sold in the office Tuesday, May 26. We are aware that there are some mistakes in the yearbook. Unfortunately, we are unable to get them reprinted.

- **Art Department:** Mrs. Evers is collecting **paper grocery bags with handles** (STILL NEEDS 100) 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!
- **Library News:** Parents, I have enjoyed my time reading to the students and helping them develop reading habits, but our time is drawing to a close this year. I have to inform you that all library books need to be taken care of and the end of year policies of the school library. So, please be aware that all books are due back by May 22, and any books that are not returned by May 29 will be charged to their tuition account.
- **Lake County Public Library Read-a-Thon:** The time is coming when your child will receive their well earned trophy or ribbon. As a school we hand the trophies out during the last recognition chapel at the end of the year. The Lake County Public library will send the trophies to us a few days before this (yes, we do not have the trophies yet!). If your child earned a gift card the public library will inform you.
- **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!
- **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](#).
- **Hot Lunch Menu-** [May Lunch Menu](#)

## ATHLETIC NEWS:

**Attention Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:** If your daughter is interested in playing volleyball in the fall, we have a FREE 2-day camp happening next Tuesday & Wednesday, May 19-20, from 3:20-5 PM in the HCS Gym. Please sign up outside of Mrs. Schaaf's door if you'd like to attend. It is ok to attend just 1 day if you can't make it on both days.

## FAITH CORNER:

We need to reflect on how we can grow in faith, serve others, and deepen our walk with Jesus. Just like any new habit we try to build into our lives, developing Faith Practices take time and repetition to become godly habits.

Faith Practices are repeated actions that help us:  
 grow in our love for God and our neighbor,  
 listen to the Holy Spirit, and  
 become more like Jesus.

The end of the school year is so busy with great things, but it often leaves us with little time to practice the discipline of **Listening**. As a Faith Practice, **Listening** involves training ourselves to recognize God's voice in the midst of all the other voices calling for our attention.

**Three** things can strengthen our practice of **Listening**:

1. **Consistency** creates space for learning to recognize God's voice.
2. **Patience** means extending grace as we realize that it can take time for us to recognize the cadences of God's voice.
3. **Seeking transformation** invites us to listen deeply in ways that reorient us to transform our relationships, character, and engagement with people and the world around us.

## Two things to do this week as we practice **Listening**:

### 1. **Read** John 10:1-6

“What I’m about to tell you, Pharisees, is true. What if someone does not enter the sheep pen through the gate but climbs in another way? That person is a thief and a robber. **2** The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him. The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes on ahead of them. His sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** But they will never follow a stranger. In fact, they will run away from him. They don’t recognize a stranger’s voice.” **6** Jesus told this story. But the Pharisees didn’t understand what he was telling them.

### 1. **Pray** - spend more time listening to God rather than speaking to Him.

Go somewhere quiet.

Read a Psalm or another Bible passage. Let the Holy Spirit work in your heart.

## T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **Zandstra's Farm and Greenhouse:** Only a few more weeks to purchase Zandstra's Gift Certificates (earn \$3.00 when you purchase a \$17.00 gift certificate)! Gift Certificates are valid until 6/20/2026.
- **Summer Break:** Our office will not be accepting orders during Summer Break (May 21-August 19) BUT that doesn't mean the savings stop! Online ordering is a fantastic way to continue to earn money all summer long. Book Travel, Egift Cards, Reloads (with a card previously purchased through RaiseRight), Online Shopping and Ship-to Home options are all available on Raiseright.com 24/7. Summer earnings will be credited to your August Statement. For any questions, please email Sherry Hiatt at [trip@highlandchristian.org](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org).
- **T.R.I.P. Schedule:** Our next order for physical gift cards is due on Wednesday, May 13 at 3:30pm. This order will be available for pick up on Tuesday, May 19 after 2:45pm. Online ordering is available 24/7 at Raiseright.com. Cash & Carry is available by email request at [trip@highlandchristian.org](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org). Available Vendors: Amazon (\$25), Aurelios (\$20), Beggars (\$20), Chick-fil-a (\$10), Culver's (\$10), Dunkin Donuts (\$10), 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 20 (final bulk order for physical cards before Summer Break), August 19
- **T.R.I.P. Volunteer Schedule:** May 12-Team C, May 19-Team D, May 26-Team A

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Golden Hope Ministries:** Our [Hope in Motion Family Fest](#) will take place on **Wednesday, June 24 from 5:30–8:30 PM at the Lake County Fairgrounds**. This event is open to any grieving child and their family in the community. Families do not need to currently participate in our group nights to attend.

This special evening is a *FREE* event designed to provide encouragement, connection, remembrance, support and hope through family-friendly fun in a welcoming environment. It also offers families an opportunity to learn more about Golden Hope Ministries and experience what we are all about without the commitment of attending regular group night meetings. [SIGN UP HERE!](#)



- **VBS at Cornerstone Church:** Looking for something new? Try our FREE Camp Cornerstone, July 10-12 at Cornerstone Church 3440- 178 Street Lansing. Our summer weekend camp theme is "Fear Factor Not" cuz God is bigger than our fears. Check out all the details and register your kids 3 yrs-completed 5th gr for this 3 day event with the QR code.



- **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/>
- **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](#).
- **First Church PCA welcomes you to VBS this summer!!** More information and details can be found [HERE!](#)