



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – May 18, 2026

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Grand Finale:** Join us **this Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.** for the final concert of the year for 5th Grade Band, Junior High Band, and Junior High Choir. 🎵
- **25/26 Yearbook: NEW THIS YEAR!** Yearbooks will be sold on Thursday, May 21st and Friday, May 22nd. Students in 3rd-8th grade may purchase yearbooks during their lunch period. A table will be set up near the art room. Students in SEC-2nd grade received an order form last Friday. Students who return the completed form will receive their yearbooks on Thursday. Yearbooks cost \$20. Please send cash or a check payable to HCS. Any remaining yearbooks will be sold in the office on Tuesday, May 26th.

Please note: We are aware that there are some mistakes in the yearbook. Unfortunately, we are unable to have them reprinted.

- **Choice Scholarship:** They're ready to sign! Choice Scholarship applications are ready for parent signatures. Please stop by the front office to sign your paperwork to guarantee your student's Choice Scholarship. Please choose one from the following times:
 1. Tuesday, May 19 between 8:05 - 3:20
 2. Wednesday, May 20 between 8:05 - 3:20
 3. Thursday, May 21 between 8:05 - 3:20
 4. Friday, May 22 between 8:05 - 3:20
 5. Tuesday, May 26 between 8:05 - 3:20
 6. Wednesday, May 27 between 8:05 - 3:20
 7. Thursday, May 28 between 8:05 - 3:20
 8. Friday, May 29 between 8:05 - 1:00
- **Camp Invention:** If any parent is willing to help out during the week of Camp Invention, June 8-12, I would love your help and you can get a discount for 1 camper's registration. Please contact Judy Zandstra, in the library, if you are interested.
- **Global Leadership Summit:** If you haven't attended the GLS, you are missing something special. For the past many years, HCS and Faith Church have partnered together to send teachers and staff to this incredible two day training. This year the training is occurring on August 6 and 7 at Faith Dyer. Through our positive partnership, Faith Church has offered a \$100 discount for all HCS families. To register, visit globalleadership.org/summit with the partner code GLSTEAM26. Thank you for considering this opportunity to grow in whatever season and situation God has placed you in.
- **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.

- **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 6th Grade Girls: If your daughter is interested in trying-out for volleyball in the fall, we have a FREE 2- day camp happening this 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.

As we reflect on this school year, we have the amazing opportunity to practice the Faith Practice of **Celebrating**. Through the Faith Practice of **Celebrating**, we delight in circumstances, relationships, and occasions that help us remember and anticipate God's goodness, creativity, faithfulness, beauty, and love.

This week we will look at two questions that can serve as an invitation into the faith practice of **Celebrating**.

1. When, where, and with whom do I catch glimpses of God's declaration that His creation is very good?
God says in Genesis 1:31, "*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.*" Celebrating the antics of animals, enjoying the colors of the setting sun, and marveling at a mountain waterfall become occasions to remember God's delight of His "very good" work.
2. When, where, and with whom do I encounter a foretaste of the new heaven and new earth God has promised and secured for us in Jesus Christ?
The end of the Biblical story unfurls God's abundant goodness. Read Revelation 21-22 to see how the original Genesis garden becomes a garden/city where everything and everyone flourishes and ALL threats are removed. Celebrating new treatments for disease, resolutions to argument, and people joining in songs of worship deepen the hope and longing we have for the flourishing of life that only God can give.

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **Final Bulk Order for the 25/26 School Year is this week!**
- **Cash & Carry will be available until May 29:** 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), Miner Dunn (\$10), Hohman Hallmark (\$10), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Strack & Van Til (\$50 & \$100), Teibel's (\$25) and Zandstra's Greenhouse (\$17).
- **Zandstra's Farm and Greenhouse:** Only two more weeks to purchase Zandstra's Gift Certificates. Earn \$3.00 when you purchase a gift certificate (\$17)! Gift Certificates are valid until 6/20/2026.
- **Summer Break:** Our office will not be accepting orders for physical gift cards during Summer Break (May 21-August 18) 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.
- **T.R.I.P. Schedule:** Our next order for physical gift cards is due on Wednesday, May 20 at 3:30pm. This order will be available for pick up on Tuesday, May 26 after 2:45pm. Online ordering is available 24/7 at Raiseright.com.
- **Upcoming Order Dates:** August 19
- **T.R.I.P. Volunteer Schedule:** 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!](#)
- **Bethel Church Lansing** invites you to join us for Rainforest Falls VBS June 15-18 from 9:30-12:00! All kids 4 years old(fully potty trained) through entering 5th grade are welcome! Spots are limited! [Register here!](#)
- Interested in Tennis? First Serve Tennis in NWI is offering Tennis Camps this summer at Briar Ridge Country Club. Click [HERE](#) for more info!