



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – May 26, 2026

*“Scripture Follower”*

II Timothy 3:16-17

## SCHOOL NEWS:

- **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, including BAC, Floating Sub and JRH aide, and we need your help to spread the word!! To view all of our current openings, please visit our [website](#).



- **Chapel:** Everyone is invited to our **2nd Semester Gifts Assembly** in the gym tomorrow, May 27, at 8:30 a.m..
- **Graduation:** Highland Christian School’s **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation is this Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the HCS gym. Doors open at 6:15 pm. 🎉Congratulations to the Class of 2026! 🎉
- **Last Day of School:** **This Friday is the last day of school for grades K-7 and there is a 1:45 dismissal.** Aftercare will be provided on that day. **We pray that our HCS families have a safe and blessed summer!**
- **Lost and Found:** Parents – please stop in and check out the “lost and not found” rack in the gym foyer. There are many items there and some of them might be your child’s. Items remaining after the last day of school will be given to etc... Thrift Store.
- **Student Medication Pickup:** If your child has prescription medication, epi-pens, and/or inhalers in the office, please pick them up before school dismisses for the summer.
- **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. *The scholarship is considered incomplete and no award will be applied until the application is signed.* Please choose one from the following times:
  1. Tuesday, May 26 between 8:05 - 3:20
  2. Wednesday, May 27 between 8:05 - 3:20
  3. Thursday, May 28 between 8:05 - 3:20
  4. Friday, May 29 between 8:05 - 1:00
- **Bus Service for 26/27 School Year:** The deadline to request bus service for all HCS **re-enrolling families** is May 29th. Please submit the [Request for Bus Service form](#) by or before that date. If you completed this form during re-enrollment, you DO NOT need to do it again. For those who are still uncertain about your need for bus service next year, our suggestion is to submit the form and re-evaluate when it gets closer to the next school year. It is easier to remove a student/family from a route than to add them at the last minute. Please reach out to Michelle Herrell if you have any questions!

- **Summer Tutoring at HCS:** Weekly tutoring will be available this summer for Math and/or Reading for HCS students. Cost is \$25-30 for 60 minute sessions available in the mornings between 8am-12pm. We have 8 classroom teachers or aides available. Please review our [SUMMER TUTORING](#) document for all the details!
- **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](http://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.
- **HCS Golf Outing:** Registration is now open!!! Our annual golf outing will be on Monday, August 24 at Innsbrook Country Club. For more information and to register, please click this [HERE](#). We hope to see you there!
- **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!
- **Hot Lunch Menu-** [May Lunch Menu](#)



## ATHLETIC NEWS:

- **Basketball Opportunity for JRH Girls Basketball:** Illiana is hosting some summer practices for any middle school girls that want to get better with their game. Please fill out this [this form](#) so the coaches can reach out if there are any changes to the dates/times:  
 Dates: June 18 7-8:30pm  
 June 20 7:30-9am  
 July 11 7:30-9am  
 July 18 7:30-9am  
 July 23 7-8:30pm

## FAITH CORNER:

Our theme this year was **Scripture Follower** found in *II Timothy 3:16-17*.

- **Scripture Follower** describes students who actively connect to God's calling upon their life by applying Scripture. Students learn and believe that God's infallible word speaks to all aspects of life.

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** II Timothy 3:16-17

Let's celebrate the evidence we noticed in students connecting and applying God's Word:

- Kindergarteners reciting Deuteronomy 6:4 & 5
- At chapel -
  - 1st graders encouraging us to have God's Word transform the way we think, act, & live
  - 2nd graders reminding us to **LOVE** God & His word
  - 3rd graders teaching the importance of loving each other
- 4th graders using their hands to fill boxes with food at *Feed My Starving Children*
- 5th graders committing God's Word to their lives during a candlelight service at Camp Roger
- 6th & 7th graders examining the world through the lens of Scripture in Science, History, ELA, and Math
- 8th graders analyzing how God has been working through their lives - writing their story of Faith and the tenets of what they believe

As we finish the year, we also look forward to next year and our theme - **God Worshiper**.

- ***God Worshiper** describes students who exalt God's name through worship and service as led by the Holy Spirit. Students learn to recognize that worshipping God is honoring and trusting who God is, what He has done, and what He will do.*

**I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.** Psalm 34:1-3

### **T.R.I.P NEWS:**

- **There is no bulk order for T.R.I.P. this week!**
- **Cash & Carry will be available until Wednesday, May 27:** Place your order by email to [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).
- **Zandstra's Farm and Greenhouse:** This is the last week to purchase Zandstra's Gift Certificates through the Cash & Carry option. Earn \$3.00 when you purchase a gift certificate (\$17)! Gift Certificates are valid until 6/20/2026. For any questions, please email Sherry Hiatt at [trip@highlandchristian.org](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org).
- **Summer Break:** Our office will not be placing bulk orders for physical gift cards 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).
- **The T.R.I.P. Office would like to thank our dedicated volunteers!** We are blessed to have Mary Brinks, Karen Christoffels, Janell Eriks, Jessica Johnson, Kim Laning, Amanda Moore, Jamie Paul, Olivia Ridder, Becca Trepton, Jamie Vander Meyden, Larissa Vander Pol and Michelle Zoeteman serve our HCS community as T.R.I.P. volunteers.

- **Upcoming Order Dates:** August 19
- **T.R.I.P. Volunteer Schedule:** May 26-Team A, August 25-Team B

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **New Leaf Resources:** New Leaf will be hosting some [therapeutic groups](#) over the summer that offer six weeks of support, connection, and growth for children, teens, and parents.
- **EPIC Volleyball Camps:** Interested in volleyball? Check out [EPIC camp opportunities](#) this summer.
- **Golf Outing Opportunity to support the Down Syndrome Association of NWI:** Calling all golfers! DSANWI invites you to their first annual golf outing at Innsbrook Country Club on July 20. More info can be found [HERE!](#)
- **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!