



HIGHLAND
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



May 29, 2026

Highland Christian School Community,

Thank you for a great 2026/2027 school year! As we approach the upcoming school year, we are excited to partner with your family to academically equip, Biblically ground, and spiritually nurture to impact the world for Christ. Here is some important information to be aware of as we approach the new school year:

1. Complete Summer Work

- Every summer, Highland Christian seeks to partner with families to ensure academic progress and a love for reading is further developed. This summer, **each grade level (K-5)** has a summer reading requirement. [Please see the attached summer log to meet the necessary requirements](#). These logs can be brought to the Ice Cream Social or the first week of school. **6th-8th graders, teachers, and parents** also have the option to participate!
- Students entering 6th-8th grade have a mandatory Bible project to complete over the summer. Please print this packet and complete it with paper and pencil. This is due Friday, September 4, 2026, but is recommended to be completed before the school year begins.
 - Incoming **6th graders** must read and complete the [Genesis journal](#)
 - Incoming **7th graders** must read and complete the [Judges journal](#)
 - Incoming **8th graders** must read and complete the [Daniel journal](#)
- In addition to summer reading, **each grade** will be sending home some optional math IXL resources. Students that regularly participate in this work will receive a small prize at the onset of the coming school year.

2. Summer Tutors

- A variety of classroom teachers and aides are available to conduct summer tutoring in reading and math. If you would like a summer tutor, please see the attached [Summer Tutoring List](#) and reach directly out to the tutor to schedule sessions.

3. Prepare for Back to School

- The beginning of the school year brings many exciting things - new teachers, friends, class lists, a possible bus route, and more. As a family, you can expect to get this exciting information on **Monday, August 3**. Prior to this, a summer communication will be shared in the beginning of July that provides the Parent Student Handbook, [Calendar](#), School Supply List, Back to School times, and other pertinent information.

- Due to direct feedback from parents, we have published a tentative schedule for fall athletic tryouts and a [draft sports schedule for the 26/27 school year](#). Note: Wrestling and other spring sports have not been finalized yet. As more details are finalized, they will be added.
- Fall Sports Tryout Schedule:
 - Soccer - Monday, August 17th - 3:10-4:45 & Tuesday, August 18th - 3:10-4:45
 - Volleyball - Monday, August 17th - 3:10-4:45 & Tuesday, August 18th - 3:10-4:45
 - Cross Country - Monday, August 17th - 3:10-4:00 & Tuesday, August 18th - 3:10-4:00
- All athletes must have an updated physical on file for the 2026-2027 school year. Athletes will not be able to practice or play in games until a physical is turned in to the HCS office. You can use a form from your doctor's office or use [HCS' physical form](#).

4. Tuition for the 2026/2027 School Year

- The first tuition invoice can be expected on or about July 6. This invoice will be due on July 27. In addition to monthly tuition charges and Junior High technology fees (if applicable), Incidental Billing will include the \$350 Building User Fee for all families. Optional expenses like milk and bus fees will also be included in Incidental billing.
- The automatic payment process will begin around the 20th of the month. If you desire to pay by cash, check, or money order before the automatic payment processes, payments are accepted in the HCS office during summer business hours. If you have questions about your tuition invoice, please contact April VanderMeyden at avandermeyden@highlandchristian.org or (219) 838-0356, ext. 166. For assistance accessing your FACTS Financial Account, contact FACTS directly at (866) 441-4637.

5. Employment Opportunities

- We are nearly fully staffed for the 2026/2027, but are filling a few final positions. Currently openings include Preschool Director, Preschool Teacher, Jr. High Aide, Kindergarten Aide, substitute teacher (every day guaranteed work), substitute teacher (as needed), Before & After Care, and a bus driver. For more information, please visit [Highland Christian's employment page](#).

6. Highland Christian Golf Outing

- Scheduled for **Monday, August 24** at Innsbrook Country Club (Merrillville, IN), we are looking forward to gathering together to celebrate how God continues to bless students and families through the HCS Foundation. With a goal to bring the Foundation to \$10,000,000 by 2030, we welcome you to sponsor, golf, or join us for dinner in support of our vision for the future. After selling out last year, we know the Golf Outing is bound to sell-out quickly. For more information, we would encourage you to view [registration information online](#) or contact Jessica Hiskes (jhiskes@highlandchristian.org).

7. Summer Office Hours

- Summer hours begin Monday, June 8 and conclude on Thursday, August 6. During these summer hours, the main office will be open Monday to Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to noon. The office will be closed on Fridays. The office will also be closed the week of July 6 due to professional development.
- To make an appointment to sign your Choice application during the summer, please reach out to Katie Hernandez at khernandez@highlandchristian.org.

We're looking forward to partnering with your family in the upcoming school year!

Dr. Kyle Weener - Head of School