

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School

SCHOOL NEWS

March 2023



“Ye children, come, give ear to me and learn Jehovah’s fear” Psalter 89



School Board Notes

Meeting Held March 9, 2023

1. President Dan Poppema reads from Psalm 27 and opens with prayer.
2. Treasurer’s Report is received
3. Tuition Report is received
4. Building Fund Report is received
5. Principal’s Report is received
6. The Education Committee will meet on March 29
7. Jeremy Hilt and Kolette Villalobos will coach soccer this year
8. The soccer schedule was approved
9. Teacher Visit reports are received
10. The School Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year is approved.
11. Songs for the K-2nd chapel are approved
12. HPRCS is going to participate in the Sioux County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Program
13. Transportation Committee Report is received
14. Technology Committee Report is received
15. Scrip Report is received
16. Ladies Guild Treasurer Report is received
17. Nominations for Board Members takes place
18. The school is in need of bus drivers
19. Carl Maassen closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for April 12, 2023



Cash and Carry Scrip is available every school day in the school office. Please see Vi/Tonia if you are new to SCRIP and would like more information!

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$ 190,964.58

Budgeted YTD: \$ 249,300.00

Difference YTD: **(\$58,335.42)**

Ladies Guild Notes

Thank you for coming out to support our school at the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament this past Friday evening (March 10)! We are grateful to those who participated on teams, the hard-working refs and scorekeepers, the friendly kitchen help and gate workers and the awesome fans. Events like this help support the financial resources of maintaining our school.

A shout out to all grandparents! Friday, March 24, 2023, Grandparents are invited to attend school and make sure their GRAND-STUDENTS are learning and behaving!! 😊 If you want to avoid cooking a meal and want to share some fellowship, please consider staying for the noon meal. Please call/text/email Danielle Warner to RSVP for the meal. warnerdanielle2014@gmail.com or 712-578-1389. Hope to see you there!

The Interscholastics vocal/instrumental **Preview** night will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Interscholastics will take place on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Sioux Center Christian. Your presence is much appreciated by the students!

The Father/Son Social will be taking place soon. Be sure to keep an eye on the memo for details.

Ladies Guild will meet Monday, March 13, 2023, in the 7th grade room. We would love to have some new members join us as we work to support our Christian education. If you have a child in school, be sure to consider joining us. There are many things the Guild does to show appreciation, raise funds to keep tuition low(er), fellowship with other parents supporting the same cause, and keeping the building and grounds in tip top shape! We would love to see you there!

“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land...”

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

School Calendar

March

13: Ladies Guild meeting

14: 8th grade day at Trinity CHS

24: Grandparents’ Day 9:00-11:30,
lunch to follow

28: Western band festival

29: Ed Committee meeting

April

3-7: no school/spring break

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Another school year is rapidly passing us by. It is hard to imagine that we have just nine weeks of school remaining for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Next Sunday, March 19, marks the end of the winter season, and we gladly welcome the season of spring and hopefully warmer weather. Our school will be having its spring break next month with no school from **Monday, April 3 to Friday, April 7.**

Our teachers are currently considering contracts extended to them by our Board for the next school year. The school board handed out the teaching contracts to our staff on March 1. The staff has until **March 15** to consider these contracts. I give thanks to the LORD for all our teachers who faithfully labor each day in their work of educating our covenant children. Please remember them in your prayers as they make their decisions regarding the 2023 – 2024 school year.

March is also the time of the year we have parent-teacher conferences. This year they were scheduled for Thursday and Friday, **March 9 – 10**. This was a great opportunity for the parents and teachers to discuss how the children are doing at school both academically and socially as we head into the final quarter of this school year.

This coming **Tuesday, March 14**, our 8th-grade students will be going to Trinity Chr. High School for the annual 8th-grade day. This is a terrific occasion for our 8th-

grade students to briefly experience the high school atmosphere and go over their 9th-grade curriculum opportunities.

Please join us at school on **Friday morning, March 24**, for Grandparents Day. Grandparents may visit in the classrooms from 9:00 – 11:30 followed by a meal to be served in the commons area. Kindergarten and first-grade students will join their grandparents and eat their sack lunches also in the commons area. We love having our grandparents come and visit and see their grandchildren in their school environment!

Finally, on **Tuesday, March 28**, the junior high band students will be participating in the Western Band festival at Western Christian High School. They will perform an individual number and also participate in the big mass band numbers at the end of the evening.

May God continue to bless our school with faithful, qualified teachers. May we as teachers and as parents continue to be diligent in our work of rearing the covenant children to the praise and glory of our God.



Learning Technology in Junior High

By Mr. Chad Uittenbogaard

Part of the junior high curriculum involves teaching the students about technology. I serve as the “computer science” teacher for the junior high students. I begin by teaching basic skills in 5th grade and gradually progress toward more advanced skills in the 8th grade. Much of the instruction centers around working with these Microsoft products: Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, and we also work on our typing skills. Emphasis in all the grades is on the proper use of technology. We have an amazing tool in the computer, but we need to use it in a way where God’s name is glorified. Too often technology is used in vain pursuits and ways.

In 5th grade we do a lot of work with Word. They learn about changing their font type, font size, and alignment of their font. They learn how to make specific changes to WordArt along with using text boxes to present their information. Did you know you can turn on many computer functions (bold, underline, save, print) just by using the “control” button? This is also something we learn in 5th grade. They are shown how to split a document into columns while adding drop caps to their paragraphs. They also do two assignments where they are introduced to PowerPoint: the leader of an African country and a state presentation project. Finally, we do quite a bit of typing to increase these skills.

In 6th grade there is a just a progression of skills in

Word and PowerPoint. The sixth graders learn how to insert and change bullets, working with and manipulating shapes, and adding graphs. PowerPoint skills are improved as the sixth graders learn how to animate a slide, even making pictures disappear from their slides. Their last geography project of the year is a 15-slide European country report. This project really tests their skills in putting together a presentation. Excel is also introduced briefly in a math assignment where they learn to write formulas. We continue with typing skills as well.

Finally, we have 7th and 8th grade computers. These classes meet twice a week. Some Word activities including setting tabs, making flyers and brochures using previously learned skills, and inserting a table into a document. In PowerPoint they learn how to work with different Smart settings, adding sound bites to their slides, and establishing a hyperlink to a YouTube video. The area we hit the hardest is Microsoft Excel. They learn to compute average, minimum, and maximum values, how to insert formulas and use the sorting function, make graphs, work with the IF function... One new thing we will be studying this year has to do with how computers function, some basic computer jargon, and how the internet works. As you can see, the students are learning many new skills in these