

# Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School

# SCHOOL NEWS

February 2021



He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold? Psalm 147:17



## School Board Notes

Meeting Held February 10, 2021

1. President Mike De Jager reads from 1 Timothy 6 and opens with prayer.
2. The Treasurer's report is received.
3. The Tuition report is received.
4. Several changes were made to the Bus Riding Regulation policy.
5. The Principal's Report is received.
6. Classroom Visit Reports are read.
7. T-shirts will be ordered for the Band festival again this year.
8. Mrs. Gritters' work in the resource room was approved.
9. A new base drum will be purchased.
10. The Building report is received.
11. The new building project is progressing well. Gym equipment will be installed in February and the floor is scheduled to be installed in March.
12. The guild report is received.
13. Dave Van Egdorn closes with prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, March 3.

## School Calendar

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| <b>FEBRUARY</b> | 15: no school<br>25: 2:30 dismissal  |
| <b>MARCH</b>    | 26: all school program<br>3: school board meeting<br>8: guild meeting<br>11: 2:30 dismissal<br>11 & 12: Parent-Teacher conf.<br>12: noon dismissal<br>25: 2:30 dismissal |

## Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$169,396.16  
Budgeted YTD: \$197,784.89  
Difference YTD: **(\$28,388.73)**

## Ladies Guild News

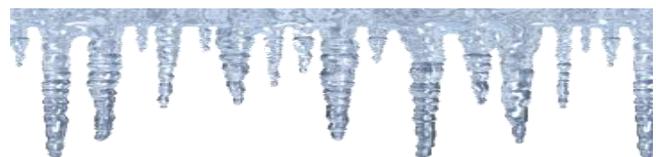
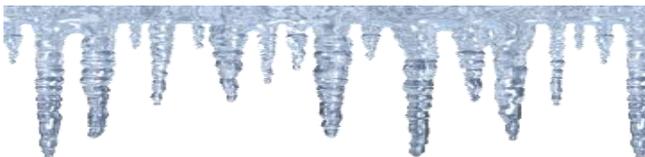
We are looking forward to some exciting events this spring! Be sure to watch the memo and future guild news for information on all of them. Coming up soon is the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to be held at Trinity Christian High School on Friday, March 19. Come out and watch some friendly competition, or leave that cooking for later and enjoy some food from the concessions! The registration forms should be turned in to Kim Brummel by March 5 so get those teams put together! We thank you in advance for supporting this event.

March 8 will be the next guild meeting. See you there!

## Scrip Highlights

Scrip will be available in February on Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:30, Wednesdays after WEALTH from 11:00-12:00, and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:00. (there will be no scrip on February 15, because there is no school that day). If these times don't work for you, please let me know and other arrangements can be made. I am doing a trial run of keeping \$50 and \$100 prepaid Visa cards on inventory. These are great to use at those places where Scrip is not offered. The rebate is 1.25% and the current inventory is valid until 2027. If they go over well, I will continue to keep a few on hand.

*Missy Driesen*



## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

We are already a few weeks into the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2020 – 2021 school year. It is amazing how fast a school year seems to go by. Construction of the new gym and remodeling of the old gym is progressing very well. It is exciting to watch this project as it has been happening throughout this school year.

The students and staff are busy practicing for the All School Program to be held on Friday, February 26, at 7:00 PM at the Hull Protestant Reformed Church, the Lord willing. Please mark this date on your calendar so you are able to come to enjoy a wonderful night of listening to our covenant children praising God in song and recitation.

The students in grades K – 2 have finished taking Iowa Assessments again for another school year. The results allow the parents and teachers of the students to observe the individual rate of growth of the students on these tests. The teachers use them as a tool to evaluate their own teaching and to notice areas in the subject matter that should be given more attention. Since the state of Iowa now **requires** all accredited non-public schools to administer the **Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)**, the students in grades 3 – 8 did not take the Iowa Assessments with the lower grades. This assessment will be administered to them during the last week of April, the Lord willing.

February is also when some of our board committees begin shifting their focus from the current year to the next year especially in regards to staffing. The principal's contract will soon be extended to me by the Board to

**Learning from the Ant**  
By Mrs. Rachel Mooy

“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise:” Currently in the Kindergarten room we are learning this very thing. The students have been working hard since the beginning of the school year to learn the various procedures of a classroom. Now that those are in place we move on to more of the academic material. We are actually learning about insects in Science class at this very moment. We are learning that ants are very busy creatures, and we can learn all kinds of lessons from the creation around us.

We are learning to show kindness to one another as we have been called to love one another. A way that we do this is to be what is called a bucket filler. By showing kindness to others we fill up their imaginary bucket (I call it their heart) with happiness, and we fill our own at the same time.

We are learning that God is a changeless God in Math. He has made numbers that do not change. When 4 and 6 make 10 on one day they will also do so the next day.

In Reading we are learning to put the sounds of letters together to make and read words. This will enable us one day to read the Word of God. We are also learning what it means to write a sentence of our own. This allows us to

continue laboring at this position for another year. The rest of the teachers on our staff will receive their teaching contracts for the 2021 – 2022 school year on February 26, the Lord willing. They are then given a few weeks to consider them. One of my responsibilities as principal of the school is to observe our teachers in the classroom each year. I am always impressed by the many different talents and styles that our teachers have and use to teach our covenant children. Please encourage our teachers to continue laboring at our school next year and remember them in your prayers as they make their decisions.

May God continue to bless our school, and may we as a staff and parents continue to be diligent in our work of rearing our covenant children to the glory and praise of our God.



effectively communicate in writing.

We are learning all about God and His power when He sent the plagues upon the Egyptians. He taught them and us that He is THE God, and He is the God of His people. We love to hear those Bible stories, and it is such a joy to see their enthusiasm here.

In Science we have also learned that God, the Creator, made animals and us. Though we are very similar to mammals, we are not animals, but we are God's special creation.

We have also begun working on computers. This gives us opportunity to learn to use a tool that God has given us in the good and proper way.

Handwriting is a place where we learn to work hard even though we may not always enjoy what we are called to do. It also another place where we find things in creation that are constant. That crazy teacher of ours always insists that we start our letters at the top and make them in the same way every single time.

In PE class, which is everyone's favorite, we learn how to use our bodies for God's glory and how they also are a marvel of His creation. We sure can't wait to get into that new gym for which we are so thankful already.

In Kindergarten we learn to be very busy about our callings at school. We learn a big word called stamina in which we do things for a long time without giving in or getting tired. Hopefully this builds us up to continue in the things which we have learned and to be examples of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.