

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School

SCHOOL NEWS

January 2022



"He willed that each succeeding race His deeds might learn and know..." Psalter 215 stanza 5



School Board Notes

Meeting Held January 5, 2022

1. President Dan Poppema reads from Proverbs 22:1-11 and opens with prayer.
2. Minutes from the previous Monthly Board meeting are received.
3. The Treasurer's report is received.
4. The Tuition report is received.
5. The Building report is received.
6. A new heater will be installed in the gym equipment room.
7. Some new shelving will be installed in several storage rooms.
8. The Principal's report is received.
9. Ava Brummel, Dana De Boer, Lydia Baker, and Belle Schiermeyer will be aiding several classrooms the rest of the year.
10. Mrs. Joanna Korver and Mr. Peter Brummel will split teaching duties in the 8th grade for the remainder of the year.
11. In order to accommodate the split schedule, Mrs. Westra will teach Choir.
12. We will be advertising for a full time 8th grade teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.
13. Mrs. Gritters' Special Ed report was approved.
14. The Transportation committee report is received.
15. The Technology report is received.
16. The Scrip report is received.
17. Dave Van Egdom closes with prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, February 3.

CASH AND CARRY SCRIP IS AVAILABLE ANY SCHOOL DAY IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE!



Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$132,979.27
Budgeted YTD: \$172,415.45
Difference YTD: **(\$39,436.18)**

Ladies Guild Notes

Greetings from the Ladies Guild at the beginning of a new calendar year! We are thankful for God's care of us and our school in the past year and pray for His continued protection in the year to come.

Thank you to all who ordered the Usborne cards and we hope you enjoy them and that they can be used to bring joy to someone in your life. Sometimes a card from a brother or sister in Christ can mean a lot!

We are looking forward to some enjoyable events this spring, all the Lord willing. In the next few weeks, watch the memo for announcements about Visitors' Day and the Mother-Daughter Social.

The Ladies Guild will have our next meeting on Monday, January 10 at 7:30 P.M. in the 7th grade room. Mary Vis has lunch and Lisa Schiermeyer has closing prayer. We welcome visitors and new members!

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" John 1:14

School Calendar

JANUARY 13: 2:30 dismissal
17-21: K-2 Iowa Assessment Tests
27: 2:30 dismissal

FEBRUARY 3: school board meeting
10: 2:30 dismissal
21: Presidents' Day- no school
24: 2:30 dismissal
25: All-school program



Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

It is hard to believe that we are officially into the year 2022! We are halfway through another school year. Friday, January 7, marked the end of the 1st semester for the 2021 – 2022 school year. We, as teachers and students, were grateful for the Christmas break, but are very thankful to be able to return to school to resume our labors once again.

Some new faces can be seen in our school starting on January 10. Mrs. Joanna Korver will be teaching the 8th grade home room in the mornings during 2nd semester, and Mr. Pete Brummel will be teaching this same group in the afternoons each day. We welcome them to our staff, and pray the Lord's blessings on their labors during their time at our school.

January is the month when our school normally administers the Iowa Assessment tests. We will be administering the Iowa Assessments from January 17 – January 21 to the **K - 2** students. Results of these assessments for the K – 2 students will be given to their parents at the March conferences. However, the state of Iowa now **requires** all accredited non-public schools to administer the ISASP to students in **grades 3 – 8**. (It will be later this school year in April.)

Living in the Fruit of the Spirit

By Mrs. Rachel Mooy

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." For the last couple of years this has been our theme in the Kindergarten classroom. We have gathered together with other children of the covenant to learn. We do not come just to learn academic things, but we have come to learn about our places and callings in the church and Kingdom of our Lord. We learn that our Savior laid down His life for us and gave us new and clean hearts. We learn to be thankful for this and to bring forth fruits of thankfulness. As young children, we need to learn what that looks like so we discuss what it means to live in the light of His Word by fighting against sin and bringing forth that fruit.

We learn what this looks like as we go through our day working and playing with others. We talk so much to young children about how to get along and here in school we learn to put that into practice in many ways. When we are sitting on the rug listening to the teacher, that means we do not interrupt, we focus on what is being said, and we do not keep our friends from their work.

In Math class we learn how to work together by working with a friend on a game or activity. We have to learn to listen to one another and allow others to take turns. A large part of this learning has to do with thinking of others first instead of ourselves all the time. What a challenge, especially at this age, but we also learn how we cannot do any of this apart from the strength and grace of our Father in heaven.

Reading class is another place where we learn to work together and be kind and gracious with one another. We often work in small groups and it is so tempting to

ISASP stands for the **I**owa **S**tatewide **A**ssessment of **S**tudent **P**rogress and provide an assessment of student learning outcomes. The overall results of each grade will then be reported to the Education Committee, to the School Improvement Advisory Committee, and to our school board.

Many of the classrooms are busy practicing for the All School Program to be held Friday evening, February 25, the Lord willing. They use the morning singing each day to help prepare the students. The theme of this year's program is "Covenant Faithfulness". Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. We, as a school, look forward to reciting and singing the songs of praise for the honor and glory of Jehovah at this program.

Our prayer every day is that we as a staff continue to strive to teach the students the ways of the Lord within our school – not for our own benefit, but for the glory and honor of God. What a joy and blessing it is to be able to educate our children in our own covenant Christian school!



simply butt in and tell someone else what the answer is or to talk over one another. We learn what self-control is and ways to incorporate it.

We have begun computer class and soon we will be working on programming. This teaches us to persevere. We often talk about how God is always so patient with us weak sinful people. This is a good concrete example for them of how to be forgiving, even of self, and to continue in a task without giving up or becoming frustrated.

Bible class is full of stories which the students enjoy immensely. We often shake our heads though at the things the Israelites do over and over again. We learn that we are no different. We also must examine ourselves and see that we are weak sinners who return to the same sins over and over again, but we by the grace of God are sorry for those sins. We learn to say no to sin, and we talk about very specific ways in which we can do this in our lives. One little guy this year informed us that our hearts are black with sin and only a small part of it is white. Many times, they will ask me questions, too. "If I go clean my room right away when mom says so, is that saying no to sin?" What overflowing joy it is to see these children grasp these concepts.

We are truly blessed to be able to have our own Christian school where our children can be taught about more than academics, but they learn what it means to live as God's people in the darkness of this sinful world. Continue to pray for us that we may grow up in the fear of His name and become stalwart sons and daughters of the Almighty.