

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

October 2020

I am Thine, O give me wisdom, Make me know Thy truth, I pray Psalter 336 stanza 2

School Board Notes

Meeting Held October 7, 2020

1. President Mike De Jager reads from Psalm 115 and opens with prayer.
2. The Treasurer's report is received.
3. The Tuition report is received.
4. The Building report is received.
5. The Principal's Report is received.
6. Room visit reports are received.
7. The staff will receive CPR training in the coming months.
8. The Education Committee minutes are received.
9. Songs for 3rd & 4th grade Chapel are approved.
10. The foundation report is received.
11. Scrip reports are received.
12. The Fall Drive will be on October 28.
13. Carl Maassen closes with prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, November 11.



Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$67,880.67

Budgeted YTD: \$ \$87,129.05

Difference YTD: (\$19,248.38)

Ladies Guild News

The Ladies' Guild thanks everyone for attending the school fun night. A special thanks to all those who volunteered their time to make the evening a success!

Plan to attend the Interscholastics Program on October 14. There will not be the regular event in Rock Valley this year so this is the chance to hear the students' speeches and piano pieces!

The next guild meeting will be held November 9. Hope to see you there!

We are looking forward to the annual Stop-and-Shop to be held in November. Look for more information in the memo in the coming weeks.

"Thou, O Lord, remainest forever; thy throne from generation to generation." Lam. 5:19

Scrip Highlights

Scrip is available on Mondays from 8:30-9:30, Wednesdays from 11:00-12:00, and Fridays from 8:30-10:00. If these times don't work for you, please let me know and other arrangements can be made. I would be glad to answer any questions and get new families set up. I can be reached at 712-470-7139. Thanks, Missy

School Calendar

OCTOBER	14: speech and piano night at HPRCS 21: Parent teacher conf. (evening) 22: Parent teacher conf. (afternoon) 22: noon dismissal 23: no school/fall break
NOVEMBER	6: 3 rd & 4 th chapel 9: guild meeting 11: school board 12: 2:30 dismissal 14: Stop-N-Shop

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Seven weeks of school have already passed, and we are into the month of October. Catechism, school work, athletic activities, board meetings, and church activities keep us very busy throughout the school year. COVID -19 also has affected our school community this school year, yet the LORD has provided the strength and health needed to our staff and students to continue the Christian education given in our covenant grade school. I pray that the Lord will continue to grant us the ability and the strength to labor at school throughout this pandemic.

I would like to use this newsletter to inform you of some school activities which are being held throughout the remainder of the fall month. October is when the annual Speech Interscholastics are usually held at Rock Valley Christian School. Due to COVID-19, this event was cancelled. The school board and I decided we would still like to give our students in grades 6 – 8 an opportunity to take part in this activity and present a speech. Twenty-two students are taking advantage of this opportunity and are currently practicing their speeches. You may come and hear these speeches given at our Preview Program which will be held next week **Wednesday, October 14**. Also on this night you will be treated to some piano music. There are fifteen students who will be playing a musical selection for us. We thank all the students who are taking the time and effort to give a speech or to play the piano for us this school year. I hope many of you will be able to attend and

THIRD GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

By Mrs. Vande Kamp

Sharpen pencils, take your pencil box out of your locker, hand in any homework and put the homework folder in your desk, open your Bible to the correct passage, and complete some "morning work." The bell rings. Put morning work away and head to the bathroom to wash your hands...don't forget to use soap and wash for 20 seconds. Back to the room and we are ready to begin a new day.

Within minutes the sounds of children's beautiful voices are heard as they sing praises to our Heavenly Father. What a precious sound! Currently the 3rd and 4th grade students are memorizing many songs and scripture passages as they are preparing for a November chapel with the theme of "Brotherly Love." This theme, along with learning about the Fruit of the Spirit, has been the focus of many of our devotions.

In our Bible lessons, we see that many people were only outward followers of Jesus. They wanted to witness his miracles, but they didn't want to repent of their sins. Many people, such as the Pharisees, thought they could go to Heaven based on their own good works. Jesus teaches us that we must repent of our sins, and the only way to Heaven is through his sacrifice on the cross.

Place value, rounding, money skills, adding larger numbers, and subtraction are some of the concepts the students have already learned in math this year.

enjoy the speeches and piano selections of the students from our school.

On **Wednesday, October 21**, and **Thursday, October 22**, we will be having Parent- Teacher Conferences. This is a wonderful time to discuss together as parents and teachers the covenant children whom we strive to bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.(Ephesians 6:4) We are looking forward to seeing many of you at these conferences in the next few days. There will be no school on **Friday, October 23**. The day off is in connection with the cancellation of the Protestant Reformed Teachers' Convention this year due to COVID-19.

In conclusion, we thank and glorify our heavenly Father for His provision of a covenantal Christian school for us which is founded upon the truth of the perfect Word of God. May our gracious God continue to preserve and bless us with Protestant Reformed education for our covenant children.



We've learned much about plants and animals God created in science class. We enjoyed an afternoon at Heritage Village collecting leaves for student leaf collections, and as we walked amongst the beautiful trees we were reminded that we are spiritual trees called by God to be fruitful. We've also dissected lilies in class. Once again we stand in awe of how great our God is even in the makeup of a flower.

We're learning about the great diversity of our country as we study its many landforms and bodies of water. I've encouraged the students to take time to enjoy the beauty of the plains; the rolling hills and pastures, the winding rivers, and the mature fields being harvested. The crops that are gathered are a picture of God gathering his church, and the chaff, a picture of the wicked being driven away with the wind. God has blessed us with so much beauty, and we see God revealed in His creation each day.

Another highlight was our recent field trip to Scarecrow Farms near Lawton, Iowa. The students enjoyed a tractor ride through apple orchards and pumpkin patches. Many students attempted to find their way through the corn maze; a few made it to the exit. The farm itself was like a giant outdoor children's museum. There were giant slides, giant pedal trikes, pedal four-wheelers, an obstacle course, a pillow trampoline, a combine that was transformed into a playground with slides, straw bale swings and horse swings, and oh, yes, there were goats. I'm sure the 2nd and 3rd grade students would love tell you all about it.

We are thankful for God's care over us in these past weeks and pray for God's continued blessing each day. As the school year continues, let us place our trust in God, knowing his ways are good and perfect.