

*But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end. The children of Thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be established before Thee. Psalm 102:27, 28*

## October 2018 Board Notes

1. President Mike De Jager reads from Ephesians 2 and opens with prayer.
2. Minutes from previous Monthly Board Meeting held 2018-09-05 are received.
3. Treasurer's Report / Offering Report is received.
4. Tuition Report is received.
5. Building Report is received.
6. Technology committee reported is received.
7. MMS to purchase a projector and mount for the music room.
8. MMS to purchase 2 chromebooks.
9. Principal's Report is received.
10. MMS to approve 3 songs for 3rd and 4th grade chapel.
11. Minutes of Ed Committee held September 26, 2018 are received.
12. MMS to approve the K-8 classroom schedules.
13. Classroom visit report for 7th & 8th, K-5 Music and Resource/Discovery room received.
14. Scrip Reports are received.
15. Discussion was held on the building project drive, route assignments and pledge form.
16. It is noted that the school board has approved the color forest green for all athletic uniforms.
17. MMS to request funds from Guild for reimbursement of education materials.
18. Joel Westra closes with prayer.

*Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018*

## Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$ 77,218.56

Budgeted YTD: \$98,488.33

Difference YTD: (\$ 21,269.77)

## Ladies Guild News

Ladies Guild will meet again on Monday, November 12, at 7:30 in the 7th grade room. New members are always welcome!

The guild would like to thank everyone who came out to support our school at last month's Family Fun Night. Your time and donations helped to make it a success once again. Thank You!

Don't forget about the Casey's pizza punch cards – free single topping medium with purchase of a large specialty – 10 punches (\$105 value) for \$15. Great idea for the busy harvest season ☺ Contact Jill DB (470-4075) to purchase, or stop by school during Scrip hours. Monday 9:30 to noon, Wednesdays 11 to noon, and Thursday 9:30 to noon.

Join us at the HPRCS Stop-N-Shop on November 10 from 9:30-1:30. There are a few booths left to fill. Please contact a committee member or email [hullstopnshop@gmail.com](mailto:hullstopnshop@gmail.com) if you would like to have a booth. Also keep checking the memo and Facebook event for new and exciting things happening at the Stop-N-Shop!

## School Calendar

### October

15-16: parent teacher conf.  
17-19 no school PRTI convention  
22: Intersch speech @ RVCS  
25: 2:30 dismissal  
26: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> chapel

### November

7: school board  
10: Stop-N-Shop @ Trinity CHS

## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Almost eight weeks of school have already passed. How quickly time seems to go by!! Catechism, school work, athletic activities, board meetings, and church activities keep us very busy throughout the school year. I would like to use this newsletter to remind you of some school activities which are being held during the month of October.

On Monday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 16, we will be having Parent- Teacher Conferences. This is wonderful time to discuss together as parents and teachers the covenant children which 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.

Many of the teachers will be traveling to Heritage Christian School in Hudsonville, Michigan, for the annual Protestant Reformed Teachers Institute Convention this week. As a result there will be no school from Wednesday, October 17, to Friday, October 19. The theme for this year's convention is "Walking Circumspectly". Rev. Carl Haak will be giving the keynote speech on Ephesians 5: 15 - 16. Many sectionals will be presented throughout the convention, and time will also be spent collaborating with other teachers about various issues involving our day to day work in the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for professional growth by our staff and to develop friendships with other teachers from our Protestant Reformed Christian schools.

## Fantastic Fifth Grade

By Mrs. Kandace Heynen

Fifth grade is a fantastic place to be! If you were to visit our room this year, you would see items that center around the Bible verse from Hebrews 9:16 which summarized says that Jesus is the Anchor of our Souls. The desks, lockers, and bulletin boards are decorated with sailboats and anchors. There are posters showing photos of God's wondrous oceans. I will inform you of fifth grade afternoon happenings since I come in to teach at that time.

I am greeted daily with a chorus of voices, saying "Good Afternoon, Mrs. Heynen!" After a few prompts at the beginning of the year, the students are now saying it even before I can greet them. I unpack my computer to get it set up with the Smartboard on which we read through the daily meditation taken from the PRCA.org website. We heartily sing the Psalter rendition from the meditation. We praise God with our voices. We discuss pertinent ideas. We are growing in spiritual knowledge.

Our afternoons are full and fly by quickly. We spend ten minutes daily typing on the AlphaSmart keyboards WITHOUT looking at our fingers because they are covered with a piece of cardstock. Next are daily subjects of Reading, English, and Science. Reading includes listening to the reading of a class chapter book, a daily picture book, strategy lessons, and time for reading to self. Through my oral reading, I spend time modeling strategies that will help students in their independent reading. You will hear background instrumental music playing while individual conferencing takes place. It is a joy to talk to students about what they are reading and encourage them to improve their skills!

October is also when the annual Speech Interscholastics is held. The teachers of grades 6-8 have been urging the students to take part in this activity and present a speech. This year we have 22 students who will be giving their speech at Rock Valley Christian School on Monday, October 22. As in the past few years, the piano part of interscholastic activities at Rock Valley Chr. has been dropped. Our school has decided to continue to include the piano part in our preview program which was held last Wednesday, October 10. There were about 20 students who played their musical selection for us. We thank them for taking the time and effort to play for us.

On Friday, October 26, the Lord willing, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders invite you to their chapel to be held at Hull Prot. Ref. Church at 8:45 AM. Rev. Brummel is scheduled to speak on the theme "O Taste and See".

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



Afternoon recess provides the students time to play. Many times they choose to do group games with other classes. It is a blessing to see the unity of our students within the school! After recess, we work through Daily Oral Language and then study the parts of speech of the English language. So far, we have covered nouns and verbs. We write a response journal each Friday about the books we are reading, so we put into practice what we learn in English. Science class ends our days. We have studied what it would be like to be a scientist, and we are looking closely at God's wonderful creation of cells and kingdoms. We will continue learning life science and physical science concepts throughout fifth grade. Once a week, we enjoy the subjects of P.E., Art, Map Skills, and Penmanship. It is a blessing to see the students use their God-given talents in each of the areas of study. We pray daily for God's blessings on our work and callings as we wait on Him to give the grace to anchor our hope in His Word and promises.