

SCHOOL NEWS



"Let children learn God's righteous ways and on Him stay their heart." Psalter 215 stanza 6



School Board Notes

Meeting Held September 9, 2021

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School September Board Notes

1. President Dan Poppema reads from Philipians 2: 12-18 and opens with prayer.
2. Minutes from a special board meeting held August 7, 2021 are received for information.
3. Minutes from a special board meeting held August 23, 2021 are received for information.
4. Minutes from a special Society meeting held August 23, 2021 are received for information.
5. The Treasurer's report is received.
6. The Tuition report is received.
7. The Building report is received.
8. The Transportation report is received.
9. The Foundation report is received.
10. The Technology report is received.
11. The Scrip reports are received.
12. The Principal's Report is received.
13. A baby changing station will be installed in the bathrooms by the gym.
14. New students are approved for the resource room.
15. Songs for the combined chapel with Doon and the 3rd and 4th grade chapel are approved.
16. The Fall Drive will be on October 25.
17. The school is in need of full-time bus drivers and a part time janitor.
18. Zach Van Ginkel closes with prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, October 6.

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



Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$ 49,600
 Budgeted YTD: \$ 79,300
 Difference YTD: **(\$29,700)**

The Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone for their support of the recent Cold Stone Creamery fundraiser. We appreciate your help in making this a success!

The pig-in-the-blanket committee is looking for donations of ground pork, and sausage. If you have these meats that you are willing to donate, please contact Tonia Westra. Also, be watching for information on how to order! These make a great quick supper in the busy fall and holiday season!

Our 10th Annual Stop and Shop will be held November 13th. Start thinking about your projects! Registration and information will be coming soon.

The next guild meeting will be held Monday, September 13. We welcome visitors and new members! Kathy P has closing prayer and Sara VM has lunch. See you there!

"Thou has also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great." II Sam. 22:36

SEPTEMBER 13: Ladies Guild meeting
 23: 2:30 dismissal
 24: 7th/8th chapel

OCTOBER 6: school board meeting
 14: 2:30 dismissal
 18: Parent-teacher conferences aft/evening
 19: noon dismissal P-T conf noon -1:00
 20-22: no school PRTI convention
 25: interscholastic speech at RVCS
 27: picture day (NOT 9/22!)
 28: 2:30 dismissal
 29: end of first quarter

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Most of you are now officially back into the routine of back to school life. We are now over three weeks into the busyness of a new school year. This year we have 131 students from 64 families enrolled in our school. They are quickly adjusting to their "new" grade and a "new" teacher, and the staff is enthusiastically implementing their new teaching ideas and strategies for the upcoming school year. Much excitement once again fills the hallways and classrooms as students and teachers resume their labors at school using their talents each day to the best of their abilities for the honor and glory of God.

Another element which added to the excitement of this new school year is the completion of our school's new addition. We, as staff and students, are greatly enjoying the added space, the new gym, the new offices, the new 3rd – 5th grade bathroom, and the new secure entrance. The staff and I are very grateful to our board and constituents for providing us with this new facility which benefits students and staff alike.

For the administrator, the beginning of another school year means filling out many forms for the state in order for us to maintain our state accreditation. Since the 2016 – 2017 school year, schools are required to complete a Consolidated Accountability and Support Application (CASA) plan. This plan is broken into two parts: *Assurances* and the *Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP)*. The first part, *Assurances*, involves our school assuring the state that we are working in the classroom toward

SEPTEMBER

By Mrs. Brenda Vande Kamp

Singing praises to our Heavenly Father is what you hear each morning throughout the halls of school. We are truly blessed to begin each day in praise to our great God. The 3rd and 4th grade students are already busy memorizing Psalters and Hymns about God's greatness in creation for chapel, which is scheduled for Friday, October 29th.

Each student loves P.E., and I enjoy teaching them new games. Mrs. Vande Kamp's Car Lot is often a class favorite, and the helper will often choose this for the class game at noon recess.

Pink, purple, blue, green, and orange Skittles fill the Skittle machine. Students receive Skittles when they are the class helper. There are many other occasions that students will be "rewarded" with Skittles; such as knowing the name of their town's mayor.

Trees that are deciduous will lose their leaves each fall. These leaves can be classified as simple, pinnately compound, or palmately compound. Then there are the coniferous trees that bear cones and remain green all year. They have either needles or scales. The 3rd grade students would be able to tell you all about this information. We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at Heritage Village in Sioux Center gathering leaves from the many

continuous improvement of instruction and student learning, and that we are in compliance with federal and state codes. The purpose of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) is to review data, set goals, and determine strategies or actions to improve student learning. Another item which receives attention each school year is our school's LAU (English Language Learner) plan. All accredited public and non-public schools must update this plan which addresses the specific language instruction education needs for students who have English as their 2nd language.

I would also like to encourage anyone who has been considering driving bus to please call or text David Van Egdome (712) 470-0224 with any questions or visit with a school board member. We do have many people willing to substitute but that has not been sufficient to cover all the routes at the same time. We will continue to do our best to provide transportation for our students with what we have. The school will walk you through the licensing process, and pay for all training necessary.

Although the beginning of the year may be busy, the joys of working with our covenant seed continues to be very rewarding as we strive to have the children brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4.

amazing trees for the students' leaf collections. It is always enjoyable exploring this little spot of beauty in God's wonderful creation.

Elizabeth, Zacharias, John, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, shepherds, Simeon, Anna, Herod, and Caesar are a few of the important people we've already learned about in our Bible lessons. Jesus, the greatest King, had the lowliest birth, born in a stable, and not in a palace. He would have a heavenly kingdom with no end.

Multiplication and division facts are being memorized by the students. The students are learning to make arrays to show equal rows and drawing diagrams to show equal sharing.

Bees are nature's pollinators. The 2nd and 3rd grade students will soon be learning about bees and how important they are for apple trees. A field trip will begin at the farm of Evert and Kathy Van Maanen. Kathy will teach the students about bees, pollination, and honey. YUM! The classes will continue on to the Country Apple Orchard near Harrisburg, SD. Here the students will learn about apples: the many varieties, and uses. A highlight of the day is picking apples in the orchard.

Each Wednesday hot lunch is served, and the students are enjoying dining in the "commons" area. This room no longer resembles the gym it used to be.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, Ecclesiastes 12:1. It is my prayer that God will bless each student in their learning this year. We are all so blessed to gather together each day in this covenant school!