

# Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

September 2020

*Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith* Heb. 12:1b&2a

## School Board Notes

Meeting Held September 9, 2020

1. President Mike De Jager reads from Psalm 94 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 new gym project is progressing on schedule with the floor slated to be poured next week. The steel will be coming later in October and we still hope to have it enclosed by winter.
6. The Principal's Report is received.
7. Songs for choir and band are approved.
8. The foundation report is received.
9. The foundation golf outing will be September 19.
10. Scrip reports are received.
11. The Transportation committee report is received.
12. The Technology committee report is received.
13. The Fall Drive will be on October 28.
14. Travis Groeneweg closes with prayer.

*Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, October 7.*



## Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$50,170.42

Budgeted YTD: \$73,126.17

Difference YTD: (\$22,955.75)

## Ladies Guild News

The next Guild meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the 7th grade room. New members are welcome to attend! Kerri VDB has lunch and Jill Maassen closes with prayer.

Friday, September 18, is the HPRCS Family Fun Night. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:00. Games for the kids will begin at 6:15. We hope to see you there!

"While the Earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" Genesis 8:22

## Scrip Highlights

Cash and carry scrip will be available during the school year on Mondays from 8:30-9:30 am, Wednesdays after WEALTH, and Fridays from 8:30-10:00. Scrip orders can be placed through the Shop with SCRIP website or the Raise Right mobile app to be sent home with one of your children, grandchildren, or student specified.

## School Calendar

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	14: Guild meeting 18: Family fun night 23: picture day 24: 2:30 dismissal 25: 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> chapel
<b>OCTOBER</b>	7: school board meeting 8: 2:30 dismissal

## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Most of you are now officially back into the routine of back to school life. The teachers and I are so thankful to be back to in-person learning rather than the online learning with which we ended last school year. We are already over two weeks into the busyness of a new school year. This year we have 144 students from 66 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. Great excitement once again fills the hallways and classrooms as students and teachers resume their labors at school using their talents each day for the honor and glory of God.

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. One of the forms I am required to complete is the 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 of our ongoing compliance with federal and state codes. The purpose of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) is to help guide our school staff to work collaboratively to review data, set goals, determine

strategies or actions to accomplish goals, and evaluate the results for improved student learning. One other item which I fill out at the beginning of the school year is the Iowa Basic Educational Data System (BEDS). This form reports information about our staff's teaching assignments, class size data, students' race/ethnicity, and students' language proficiency. Data from the BEDS is used to meet state and federal reporting requirements.

The COVID pandemic has been ongoing and seems to be a constantly fluid situation. Things change from week to week and from geographical area to geographical area. As a result of the pandemic, there are a few changes which have been made which affects our school. The Prot. Ref. Teachers Convention held in Grand Rapids, MI from October 22 – 23 has been cancelled as well as the Speech Interscholastics at Rock Valley Christian School in which many of our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders usually participate. If other changes are made we will attempt to communicate these to you promptly.

As we continue on with this school year, we place our trust and confidence in Jehovah who leads and guides all things according to his eternal plan. God is in control, and He does whatsoever He pleases. We pray God's will be done in earth and in Heaven. As teachers and administrator, we ask for your prayers and support throughout this year as we strive to rear up the covenant children in the fear of His name.

## Covenantal Blessings

By Mrs. Brenda Regnerus

August, 2020 brought us teachers to God's throne in thankfulness -thankfulness for our school, for our school board, for our parents and families. The normal, routine plans for preparing the classroom for a new school year had extra appeal and excitement! Writing lessons plans was exciting as we, as teachers, envisioned our students being back in the classroom **with us!**

The teachers were not disappointed. The students returned with the same vigor and enthusiasm that we were feeling! Fellowship with Christians is beautiful to us! Fourth graders have been hard at work studying God and His creation in Bible. Hopefully the students will KEEP their knowledge of God's attributes in their minds. We also saw the order of Math in fact families and variables. In Science we see the diversity of the rocks and minerals that God has created.

Fourth graders are also at a lovely age where they freely share their thoughts and ideas. Here are some brief excerpts from their writings:

"I like being back in school because I get to see my friends every day. We also learn lots of new things."

"School is fun because I like learning new things. I like being with my friends who I haven't seen in five months."

"What I like the most about being back in school is that I get to see my friends and my teacher."



"I'm happy to be in school because I like singing and reading the Bible together."

"I missed being with my friends and listening to all of their stories."

"School is more fun with my friends and my teacher."

"I like being back with my friends because when I need help, they will help me."

"I am excited to be back in school because I like having an actual teacher who explains things first."

"Being back in school is great because we can do things together – like Math and Science. I like seeing the teachers again because I haven't seen them in like seven months."

"What I like most about being back in school is seeing my friends and playing with them at recess."

"I like just sitting in the classroom and talking to each other."

We are grateful to God that we could start a regular school year, **in** the classroom, **with** fellow classmates and teachers. We are thankful for the **body** of believers. We are joyful in the covenant! Together we help one another grow in truth and knowledge. What a blessing.