

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

January 2026

“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.” Ps. 34:11

School Board Notes

Meeting held January 7, 2026

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 69 and opens with prayer.
2. The Treasurer’s Report, Tuition Report and Building Fund Report are received.
3. The Technology Committee report is received.
 - o 7 of 12 cameras have been installed and operational in school hallways. The remaining cameras are for exterior and the gym and commons area.
 - o Additionally, cabling has been installed to entrances to allow for future electronic door locking.
4. The Foundation Committee report is received. The paperwork for investing foundation funds has been signed with the financial advisor.
5. The Transportation Committee report is received.
6. The Principal’s Report is received.
7. The Education Committee will meet on Jan. 20, 2026.
8. Pete Brummel closes in prayer.

*Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday
Feb. 4, 2026*

With thanksgiving to God, we report that we have received \$153,749 to date for our fall drive.

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our school! If you would like to still contribute, please send donations to school or contact a board member.



Cash and Carry Scrip available in the school office during school hours.

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$127,052.23
Budgeted YTD: \$ \$152,950.00
Difference YTD: **(\$25,897.77)**

Ladies Guild Notes

Greetings as we begin a new calendar year! We as a Ladies Guild pray that you had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break, taking time to reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Ladies Guild will meet Monday, January 12 @ 7:30 in the 7th grade classroom. We hope that you will join us in sharing ideas and supporting our school, new members are always welcome!

Be sure to keep an eye out for the upcoming events this spring! Lord willing, we look forward to Visitors Day and the Mother Daughter social in the next couple of months.

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”
Psalm 139:23-24*

May we seek to glorify God in all that we do!

School Calendar

January	12: Ladies Guild 14: 2:30 dismissal 19-23: 1 st and 2 nd IA Assessments 20: Ed Committee 28: 2:30 dismissal
February	4: Board meeting 11: 2:30 dismissal 16: Presidents’ Day/no school 25: 2:30 dismissal 26: all-school program (Thursday)

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Happy New Year to everyone!! We are already into the year 2026 and are halfway through another school year. This past **Friday, January 9**, marked the halfway point of this school year and the end of the 1st semester for the 2025–2026 school year. As teachers and students, we were grateful for the Christmas break, but we are very thankful to be able to return to school to resume our labors once again.

During the 2nd semester, our school will once again have Trinity students helping out in various classrooms at our school for about 35 minutes each day. This practice has been in place for many years now. The three students are Lanae Kuiper, Jaelyn Van Maanen, and Samuel Baker. As a school, we have been very thankful for and appreciative of the assistance these students give to our teachers.

The junior high girls and boys are into their basketball season. Our girls are being coached this year by Mr. Joel Westra, and our boys' coach is Mr. Heynen. I want to thank these men for their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules to coach these teams. Feel free to come, encourage, and cheer on our 7th & 8th grade basketball teams this year!

Many of the classes are beginning to practice the songs for the All School Program which is to be held **Thursday evening, February 26**, the Lord willing. The

theme of this year's program is "Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning". Please mark the date on your calendar and make plans to attend. We, as a school, look forward to reciting God's Word and singing the songs of praise for the honor and glory of Jehovah at this program.

Teaching and learning about God's creation and His great works fill up each of the school days throughout the year. The education our children receive must be well rounded in earthly matters, but even more importantly, it must be God-centered and God-glorifying. Scripture must be the foundation of every subject and worked into every sphere of the school life. May we 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 blessing it is to be able to educate our children in the fear of God's name in our covenant Christian school!



5th Grade Band

By Mrs. Heynen

This year, all fifth-grade students have embarked on a new adventure, playing an instrument in band! Thank You to the parents for supporting your children in this venture! It is very exciting for our band teacher, Mrs. Zandstra, and it is also very exciting for me, as I have been assisting with teaching the students the new skills needed to be a successful band student! The band period for fifth graders occurs twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the beginning of the year, group lessons for the various types of instruments were given during the band periods, but as the students learned more notes, the whole group began playing together on Thursdays. The students were able to play a special number at the Christmas Sing-a-long. They have made great strides this first semester, but the work must continue!

Why is this so exciting to me? There are many spiritual benefits! Music is a gift from God. He created it! The Bible speaks extensively of praising God with music, and mentions instruments numerous times. Playing an instrument is a way to praise God! Psalm 150:3-5 has specific commands to praise God with specific instruments. Instruments are a means for us to follow this command! We are able to use the talents He has blessed us with to glorify Him. We have communion with one another as we unite to form a band. This is a blessed thing that we should not take

for granted. We, together, have the one goal of praising God. Each member has an important part in the whole! Just as I Corinthians 12 speaks of the unity of the members of the body, we experience this unity working together in band.

There are also many physical and mental benefits that are gained when participating in music education. A Google search, "benefits of music education", yields about 325 million web page results! Even the world around us recognizes the benefits. Some of the benefits listed that stood out to me include: Brain Development: Strengthens neural connections, improving language, reading, memory, focus, and problem-solving; Emotional Regulation: Develops awareness and management of emotions. Teamwork: Teaches cooperation, leadership, and communication through group activities; Resilience: Fosters patience, perseverance, and discipline; Motor Skills: Enhances fine motor control and gross motor skills; Coordination: Improves hand-eye coordination and the integration of mind and body; Inclusivity: Breaks down barriers, allowing students of all backgrounds and academic levels to excel and find success; Reduced Risk-Taking: Students in music programs often show lower rates of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. All of these such findings serve to emphasize what a wonderful gift that God gives us in music. I pray that the excitement continues for the fifth graders, the 6th-8th band students, and beyond. I would encourage parents of younger students to think seriously about this wonderful opportunity that our school has for your children. To God be the glory!