

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School

SCHOOL NEWS

November 2023

"O praise the LORD for He is good; Give thanks and bless His name." Psalter 290

School Board Notes

Meeting Held November 8, 2023

1. President Dan Poppema reads from Psalm 49:1-10 and opens with prayer.
2. Treasurer's Report is received
3. Scrip Report is received
4. Technology Committee report is approved
5. Tuition Report is received
6. Building Fund Report is received
7. A job box for bus supplies will be purchased
8. Transportation Committee Report is received
9. Principal's Report is received
10. The Education Committee will meet on November 29, 2023
11. The basketball schedule is approved
12. Mrs. Cassandra Brummel will coach the girls' basketball team
13. Mr. Kyle Brummel will coach the boys' basketball team
14. Classroom visit reports are received
15. Foundation Committee Report and financial statement is received
16. School is in need of bus drivers
17. Darrin Brummel closes in prayer

Next Meeting is scheduled for December 6



Cash and Carry Scrip is available every school day in the school office.

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$90,898.76
Budgeted YTD: \$147,875.00
Difference YTD **(\$56,976.24)**

Ladies Guild Notes

The Ladies Guild would like to thank the students who participated in the Interscholastic Preview night as well as those who attended. Thank you also to the judges who took time out of their evening to offer advice and help. God has given our children many talents that were on display!

The pig-in-the blanket fundraiser was a success with around 500 dozen made. The new mixer was a great addition this year! Thank you to all who ordered and those who volunteered your time and talents.

Our 12th annual Stop 'n Shop was held this past Saturday. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, made food, and came to support our school in this fundraiser.

The Harvest Sale is set for Saturday, November 17. Supper will begin at 5:00 pm with the auction to follow at 6:30. Donations can be dropped off at school this week.

Join us at the next Ladies Guild meeting on Monday, November 13 at 7:30 in the 7th grade classroom. This is a great opportunity to help support our school and we would love to see new members! Janae Van Maanen has closing prayer.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 107:1

School Calendar

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| NOVEMBER | 13: Picture retakes
13: Guild meeting
20: Doon/Hull jr.high band/choir program
22: Noon dismissal; Thanksgiving break
23-24: no school Thanksgiving break
29: Educational Committee meeting |
| DECEMBER | 6: School board meeting
13: 2:30 dismissal
21: Noon dismissal (Christmas break)
22-JAN. 2: no school Christmas break |
| JANUARY | 3: Classes resume |

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

The teachers' convention is one of the many highlights of the school year for our teachers. This year marked the 68th Protestant Reformed Teachers' Convention to be held. Teachers and administrators from Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, California, South Dakota, and Canada attended this convention on October 19 – 20 at Faith Christian School in Randolph, Wisconsin.

After the initial coffee time and singing, Rev. Regnerus delivered the keynote speech on Thursday morning based on Psalm 25 His speech was entitled "**Teachers as Guides**" and his three main points dealt with obstacles to teaching, standards for teaching, and encouragement to teachers.

Because we and our children are sinners, there are many obstacles in the education of our covenant seed. The students might not be naturally receptive to the education. They might not come each day with a meek and humble spirit. The teachers may get discouraged, dismayed, and even bitter as they deal with misbehaviors in the classrooms, playground, and bus. The standard for our teaching is Jehovah God. He is the perfect teacher. He is our guide. We must all go to Him in prayer asking Him to show us, lead us, and teach us in His ways every day. God's ways are different than the world's ways. His way is perfect, good, and upright. His paths are mercy and truth. God is compassionate and slow to anger. He sees us through His son Jesus Christ. Jehovah is with us in His love, faithfulness, and power. Jehovah teaches

Play-filled Learning

By: Mrs. Rachel Mooy

This year the kindergarten class has seen some changes. We made the move from a three-day week to four days a week. This change in schedule allows us more time to play as we learn. Research has found that at their age kindergartners still learn best by playing. It helps them remember ideas better when they are active in their learning and when they can make choices. The opportunities the students have to work on social skills during playful learning are also immeasurable.

Playful learning means that we are introduced to a Math concept, we practice it, and then we get to play with it. For example, when learning to count out objects to ten we talk about what it means and look at examples of what it looks like. Then we practice together with an activity. After that the students spend time each day with centers that are in essence games to play to practice their skills.

Learning to read and write is very hard work. While we still do have to complete practice that includes memorizing and rote work, we also get to play. We complete rotations during reading time that include working on words which includes playing with various letter blocks, letter tiles, making letters out of Play-Doh, and using a whole host of other manipulatives.

using weak means such as teachers to fulfill His will. He is sovereign. Nothing is too great for our God. He will deliver us from the power of sin, Satan, and our own sinful desires. We need to encourage each other in this battle as well. God works marvelously and amazingly in the hearts of His people. Teachers need to show the students the glory of our God in all our lessons. We, as teachers, need to pray to God for the strength to fight and to prepare our souls for each day. The keynote was highly motivating to us as teachers in our classrooms. Pray that the Lord keeps us faithful in our calling to educate His covenant seed. May we as teachers show our love for God's Word which He has placed in our hearts, bringing it to the students with joy and excitement every day.

The convention was again very worthwhile and the teachers received much encouragement and practical knowledge from the keynote speech, the sectionals attended, and the fellowship experienced with all the other teachers of our schools. We would like to thank the Board and constituents for making it possible for us to attend the convention. We also thank God for the spiritual encouragement we received through the teachers' convention and pray that God will continue to bless our covenant schools. The faculty and staff at HPRCS give thanks to God for all He has done for us and wish each of you a very blessed Thanksgiving.



If you ask any of the students, they will tell you that the end of the day is the best. This is a time called free play which has now been added to our day. During this time the students are allowed to play around the room. They can play with blocks, puzzles, cars, art materials, color, read books, there is a sensory bin, and about anything they can think of doing with the things that are in our classroom. The area named dramatic play is a huge favorite. This is an area for a kitchen, right now there is a pumpkin patch there, later it will include a vet clinic, a lemonade stand, a farmer's market, and a hot chocolate stand. This time gives them the most chances to work on their social-emotional learning. A few days ago two groups of students wanted to use the same area. I heard someone say, "We have to solve the problem, Mrs. Mooy says to solve the problem." They proceeded to do that very thing. We had previously talked about what options and choices they have when a problem arises and how to go about solving a problem. It was great to see them applying their learning and working together.

This makes for a very active classroom and a little noisy at times, too. I often think of Psalm 100 verse one which we are now memorizing. While we do make a joyful noise when we sing together in the morning, I believe our learning about God, His creation, and our role as servants is also a joyful noise that we make in the classroom.