

# Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

October 2024

“How shall the young direct their way? ... Thy Word, O Lord, will safely lead..” Psalter 322

## School Board Notes

Meeting Held October 2, 2024

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 25 and opens with prayer
2. Treasurer's report is received
3. Scrip report is received
4. Technology Committee report is received
5. Tuition report is received
6. Building Fund report is received
7. Foundation Committee report is received
8. Ladies Guild September minutes & Treasurer's Report are received
9. Transportation Committee report is received
10. Principal's Report is received
11. Songs and poems for the 2nd & 3rd grade chapel are approved
12. Classroom visit reports are received
13. Education Committee minutes are received
14. The classroom schedules are approved
15. The Resource and Discovery Room report is approved
16. The song "Let Us Exalt His Name Together" is approved for the 4th and 5th grade Chapel
17. The songs "Trust and Obey" and "Thy Word" are approved for the All School Program
18. Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment forms are adopted
19. Peter Brummel closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 6, 2024

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



**REFORMATION DAY  
October 31**

## Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$83,158.15  
Budgeted YTD: \$87,040.00  
Difference YTD **(\$3881.85)**

## Ladies Guild Notes

The Ladies 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 successful event once again. Thank you!

We also wrapped up the pig-in-the-blanket fundraiser this past week. With your help we made, assembled, and distributed 500 dozen pigs-in-a-blanket. Did you know that since 2021, when this fundraiser was reintroduced, we have now made about 25,000 pigs-in-a-blanket? A big thank you to all who supported this fundraiser by donating ingredients, giving of their time, or purchasing pigs-in-the blankets—all for the benefit of our school.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Stop-n-Shop will be held Saturday, November 2, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Be sure to follow HPRCS Stop N Shop on Facebook for all the latest updates, vendor spotlights, and information—even a giveaway. We look forward to a fun-filled shopping day. Also, be sure to check out the Ladies Guild bake sale table and to save room for lunch and a slice of your favorite pie. Take out containers will be available for those who want to deliver a meal or a snack to a friend or family member at home or in the field.

2024-2025 school calendars are available in the school office, and we have a few extras. Cost is \$10.

Ladies Guild would love to welcome new members! Join us at our next meeting, Monday, November 11, at 7:30 pm in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

*“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22*

## School Calendar

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>14: P-T Conferences After school &amp; evening</b>
	<b>15: Noon dismissal/ PT conf Noon- 1:00</b>
	<b>16-18: PRTI convention/no school</b>
	<b>21: Speech Intersch. @ RVCS</b>
	<b>23: 2:30 dismissal</b>
	<b>25: 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> chapel</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>6: Board Meeting</b>
	<b>13: 2:30 dismissal</b>
	<b>27: 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> chapel</b>

## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Over six weeks of school have already passed, and we are into the month of October. 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 inform you of some school activities that are coming up in the remainder of October.

On Monday afternoon and evening, **October 14**, and at noon on Tuesday, **October 15**, we will be having parent-teacher conferences. We are looking forward to seeing many of our parents at these conferences next week.

Most of our teachers will be traveling to Adams Christian School in Byron Center, Michigan, for the Protestant Reformed Teachers Institute Convention held during the third week of October. Because of this, there will be no school from Wednesday, **October 16** to Friday, **October 18**. The theme for this year's convention is "Planted by the Rivers of Water". Rev. Smidstra, minister of Holland PRC, is the keynote speaker who will speak to the teachers on Jeremiah 17: 7 – 8. This is a very good opportunity for professional growth by our staff and to develop/renew friendships with other teachers from our Protestant Reformed Christian schools.

### Safe in His Hands

By: Mrs. Rachel Mooy

Here we are at the start of another new school year. For a Kindergartner this means there is a large mix of emotions. Usually the new students are excited but pretty nervous at the same time. For some of them this is the first time they are away from mom and home for an extended period of time, and they do not know what to expect. To help with this anxiety the Kinders are invited to an Open House a few days before school begins in order to see the room and meet me again. In the first days of school we often talk about being safe. We talk about how we do not have to be afraid because God is with us everywhere we go even at school. As Professor Engelsma says in his book, *Reformed Education*, parents do not just send a brain to school. They send children who also have a spiritual, an emotional, and a social aspect to them. We as teachers do not only fill them with academic knowledge, but we lead them and teach them with care and concern for their spiritual and emotional sides as well. In Kindergarten that means we talk about keeping others safe as well as ourselves. School is a place of community, and we come to learn how to work together with other children of the covenant. We do this working in groups and during recess when we play together. We do this by practicing for a fire and a tornado. They are very concerned whether it is for real or not because they want to feel safe. We do this in Kindergarten when

On Saturday, **October 19**, 12 – 13 students will be traveling to Storm Lake for Honor Band Auditions. We wish them the best and pray that they use the talents God has given them at these auditions.

This year we have 16 students who will be giving their Interscholastic speeches at Rock Valley Christian School at the Speech Interscholastics on Monday, **October 21**. A schedule was sent home with the students this past Friday, **October 11** with the time each student will be giving their speech in Rock Valley

Everyone is invited to come to the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade chapel to be held at Hull PR church on Friday, **October 25**. Rev Kleyn will speak on the topic "**Guarding our Tongues**", and the students will be presenting some special numbers. **October 25** also marks the end of our 1<sup>st</sup> marking period. Report cards will be sent home the following Thursday, **October 31**.

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



we are engaged in a time of free play. Problems arise among us and we learn and practice how to properly and calmly work through differences of opinion. We learn the rules of the school and the classroom. We talk about how this keeps our friends and ourselves safe. We learn to walk in the hallways, keep our hands to ourselves, and what self-control is all about. We talk about and practice apologizing when we do wrong and saying we are sorry to others and to God when we hurt them. Kindergartners are still working to learn to empathize with others. They have a strong sense of fairness as long as it applies to themselves. We work on learning to think of others and how our words and actions make them feel. I often get blank stares when I talk to them about how Jesus said to do unto others. They can't seem to wrap their little minds about that idea. So we read books, have discussions, role play a little, and pray for others to get them started on a journey of thinking about others and keeping them safe.

Our All School theme song this year addresses this safety we find in God. "Who shall my soul affright, or cause my heart to fear? While God my strength, my life sustains, secure from fear my soul remains." Again in verse four we sing, "within the covert of His tent He hides me till the storm is spent." What beautiful words to teach our children who are looking also to us for safety. God has given us parents and teachers to our children as their guides in this pilgrim journey. Pray for us this year that we all strive to keep each other in safety in all aspects of our being.