

# Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School

# SCHOOL NEWS

September 2023

*"Thy commandments in my heart truest wisdom can impart" Psalter 333*

## School Board Notes

Meeting Held September 6, 2023

1. President Dan Poppema reads from Malachi 4:1-6 and opens with prayer.
2. Treasurer's Report is received
3. Scrip Report is received
4. Technology Committee report is received
5. Building Fund Report is received
6. Audit Committee report is received
7. Tuition Report is received
8. Principal's Report is received
9. The Education Committee will meet on September 27, 2023
10. The hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" is approved for the 7th-8th grade chapel
11. Transportation Committee report is received
12. Abuse Policy is adopted
13. Classroom visit schedule is approved
14. Foundation Committee report is received
15. Steve Westra closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for October 4, 2023



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

## Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$41,076.12  
Budgeted YTD: \$88,725.00  
Difference YTD (**\$47,648.88**)

## Ladies Guild Notes

The Ladies Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the 7th grade classroom Monday, September 11, 2023. Janae Van Maanen has closing prayer. New members are always welcome!

Save the date! Stop N Shop will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023! We'd love to have you join us! Registration is now open for the 12th annual Stop N Shop. The registration form is available on the school website.

**\*Please be sure to check the deadlines for registering this year.** Contact a committee member or email [hullstopnshop@gmail.com](mailto:hullstopnshop@gmail.com) with any questions. Committee members are Christiana Westra, Michelle Van Bommel, Kim Boonstra and Larissa Groeneweg.

May the Lord grant us renewed vigor as we embark on another year of covenant education.

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58*

Hello,  
September!

## School Calendar

**SEPTEMBER** 11: Ladies Guild  
13: 2:30 dismissal  
15: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> chapel  
27: 2:30 dismissal  
27: Educational committee meeting

**OCTOBER** 4: School board meeting

## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to a new school year. Most of us are now officially back into the routine of school life. We are a little over two weeks into the busyness of a new school year. This year we have 133 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 teaching ideas and strategies for the upcoming school year. Much excitement once again fills the hallways and the classrooms of our school!

I would like to remind everyone of a few changes made in our school's schedule. Kindergarten students are having classes four times a week this year, and therefore, our hot lunches are being served on Thursdays and not on Wednesdays as we have had them in the past. One other change is that we have our 2:30 early dismissals on Wednesdays and not on Thursdays this school year as well.

Everyone is invited to come to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade chapel to be held at Hull PR church on Friday, September 15. Rev Regnerus will speak on the topic "Walk by Faith", and the students will be presenting some special numbers. The junior high girls are into their volleyball season. Mrs. Shayna Maassen, the coach, has held many practices already. Their first game was held on Thursday,

### The Ever-Flowing Stream of Time

By:  
Mrs. Nancy Gritters

The summer really flew by, as time tends to do. All the plans of the months away from school that have been so eagerly anticipated have been done. When June begins, the summer lies before us as an unwritten book, and by the beginning of August the pages of the summer are starting to come to an end. As with summer, the school year lies before us, seemly with no end. But before we know it we are celebrating Christmas and then Spring Break, and then suddenly graduation is just around the corner.

"Time like an ever-flowing stream bears all its sons away." (Psalter 247:5.) The older I get the more meaningful Psalm 90 and Psalter 247 become to me. I am amazed how quickly a summer or a school year passes by! Then when I think of how quickly my children have grown and how much the children I teach change from year to year I can easily become quite emotional! Treasure each moment with your children since these are fleeting moments. Sometimes we feel like we are too busy to sit with our children to read or work on homework with them, but all too quickly those precious moments are past and we cannot go back and do them over. But God gives our children the ability to remember those times, and if they were difficult times for your child, the memory of how you helped them through it will remain with them forever!

September 7. It is wonderful to be able to have home games at our own school in our beautiful, spacious gym. Feel free to come, encourage, and cheer on our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball girls this year!

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. All Iowa-accredited schools are required to complete a Consolidated Accountability and Support Application (CASA) plan. This plan involves our school assuring the state that we are working in the classroom toward continuous improvement of instruction and student learning, and that we are in compliance with federal and state codes. A second item which I review and update in September is our school's LAU (English Language Learner) plan. This plan addresses the specific language instruction educational needs for students who have English as their 2<sup>nd</sup> language. A third state form is the Fall 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.

Although the beginning of the year may be busy, the joys of working with our covenant seed continue to be very rewarding to me. May God continue to bless our school and give each of our teachers the strength to educate the children in the fear of His Name. To God be all the glory!!



I found a copy of this poem. I do not know who the author is, but I was struck by how this applies to teachers, but also to parents who are teaching their children every day in their home. What a wonderful calling God has laid upon us when giving us these covenant children to raise!

#### A Teacher's Prayer

Each time, before I face my class,  
I hesitate a while.  
And ask the Father, "Help me Lord  
To understand each child.

Help me to see in every one  
A precious soul, most dear;  
And may I lead that child through paths  
Of wonder – not of fear.

"Help me to teach with patience  
And wisdom from above,  
That they may learn truths from Thy Word-  
The wonders of Thy love."

"Dear Father, as they look to me  
For Christian guidance true,  
I look to Thee and humbly ask  
That Thou wilt teach me, too."