

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

April 2026

“Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.” Isaiah 65:22b

School Board Notes

Meeting held April 1, 2026

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 22 and opens with prayer.
2. Treasurer's, Tuition, and Building Fund Reports are received.
3. We have begun receiving quotes on reroofing the school which is leaking in several locations.
4. The Principal's Report is received.
5. MMS to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar with spring break to be determined. Passed.
6. MMS to approve the song "Be Still my Soul" for 8th grade graduation. Passed
7. Band and 1st grade classroom visit reports are received.
8. Minutes of Education Committee meetings are received
9. MMS to approve the songs "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God" and "Before Thee I Kneel" to be used in instruction on vocation. Passed.
10. MMS to add the option of 3 days a week band director position. Passed.
11. MMS to start advertising for a para-position. Passed.
12. Technology Committee report is received. ○ Additional cameras have been purchased but not yet installed.
13. Foundation Committee report is received.
14. Transportation Committee report is received ○ A 2016 bus has been purchased after trade in of our 2009 bus.
○ Our buses and van will receive a state inspection on April 10.
15. Ladies Guild minutes are received.
16. MMS to approve the request of the Ladies Guild to add an apparel committee. Passed.
17. MMS to approve the request of the Ladies Guild to add the room mom duties to the Ways and Means/Serving Committee. Passed
18. Mike DeJager closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday May 6, 2026
Pete B. and Carl B. will visit 2nd, 5th and 7th grade classrooms in April

**MMS = Motion made and second

APRIL

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

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$182,305.23
Budgeted YTD: \$218,500.00
Difference YTD: **(\$36,194.77)**

Ladies Guild Notes

The Mother, Daughter, Sisters in Christ Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 21. The theme of the event is "Pearl of Great Price." RSVP (one person/group please!) to Rochelle Gritters (712-324-1774) or Andria De Roon (616-690-0479) **by April 14.** We look forward to a night of fun and fellowship with the special women in our lives.

The Interscholastics Vocal/Instrumental Preview Night will be held on Wednesday, April 22. Come and support our junior high students who have been working hard preparing their musical numbers. Interscholastics will take place at Sioux Center Christian on Tuesday, April 28.

The final Ladies Guild meeting of the '25-'26 school year will be held on Monday, May 11 at 7:30PM in the 7th grade classroom. Visitors are always welcome!

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25

School Calendar

April	20-24: ISASP testing 3 rd -8 th 22: Kindergarten roundup PM 22: 2:30 dismissal 22: Interscholastic Preview night 24: K & 1 st chapel 28: Vocal/instrumental interscholastics @ Sioux Center Christian
May	6: School board 6: Western Chr. Track meet (8 th) 13: Trailblazer track meet in S Center (5-8) 13: 2:30 Dismissal 19: 2:30 Dismissal/school picnic PM 20: Last day of school/ Noon dismissal 20: Graduation

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Spring Break has arrived! Hopefully the staff and the students enjoy this time away from school and are refreshed to finish up another school year when they return to school on **Monday, April 13**. There are just under six weeks left in the 2025 – 2026 school year, and the teachers are busy making the necessary preparations and plans to finish the curriculum for each of the subjects they teach. There is always so much material that we as teachers want to get through before we dismiss the students for the summer.

In addition to the regular classroom work, April is when teachers make the arrangements for class trips, the 7th – 8th grade soccer season begins, and the 5th – 8th graders begin practicing for the Sioux Center Trailblazer track meet which is set for Wednesday afternoon, **May 13**. Most of the track practices are held at our school, but we also rent the A.R. Hesla field in Hull a few times each year to allow students to practice events that are not available at school, such as the high jump or relays.

Our school plans to administer the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) to the students in grades 3 – 8 during the week of **April 20 - 24**.

On **April 22**, our school will have Kindergarten Roundup. Parents will be asked to call school (439-2490) or email the school (hullprc@mtcnet.net) if they have a child who will be attending this event.

Sunny Days in Second Grade

By Mrs. Sharon Keizer

The Second Grade Students are enjoying the signs of spring we have been experiencing throughout the last few weeks. The warmth of the sun is increasing as it shines through our south windows. We also occasionally take a few minutes to count how many robins we can see through our windows!

The students continue to grow and improve in their reading and math skills as the months fly by. They enjoy seeing their progress in reading fluency tests from week to week and we just finished up a very long unit on subtraction. This unit also included two-step word problems- quite a challenge!

We have already enjoyed our class trip to Sandy Hollow on April 1 with the 1st Graders. We also are looking forward to our Beach Party on April 22 to celebrate the success of our reading challenge.

The students enjoy being the “biggest” class in school since we have 21 students! We carefully added up the number of visitors that were in our classroom on Visitor's Day. We came up with a grand total of 105 people who spent time with us that day. It was so wonderful to see so many loving family members

Everyone is invited to the K/1st grade chapel on Friday, **April 24**. Rev. Regnerus will be the speaker. The theme for the chapel is “He Made All”. Please come and join us in a time of praise to our Heavenly Father.

Some other events in April include the Spring Interscholastic music preview program held at our school on Wednesday, **April 22**. Come and enjoy a great night of vocal and instrumental presentations by the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders of our school. These are the selections the students will also be performing on Tuesday, **April 28**, for the Northwest Iowa Solo and Ensemble Interscholastic event held at Sioux Center Christian School.

This is also the time of the year when the Prot. Ref. Special Ed. Board conducts its Spring Drive. This Society for PRSE supports 50 to 100 percent of the costs of Special Education programs and 15 percent of the cost of Resource Rooms in most Protestant Reformed Schools around the country. This year the Special Ed. Society approved assistance to our school in the amount of **\$9,668**. We, as a school, are very thankful for the financial assistance this society provides us each year. Our Resource Room is a very important part of our school through which we provide extra academic help so these students are able to continue to grow in knowledge and experience academic success in the classroom.

What a privilege it is to instruct our covenant children together as parents and teachers in the mighty works of God! May God continue to bless our labors and bring great fruit upon them according to His will



surrounding the students as they did their work.

The 21 students are doing a great job staying organized and the classroom runs in a very efficient manner. The students are organized into three groups of seven. Each group has a helper for the week who hands out papers to their group and helps keep everything organized.

It helps me to remember that I have taught bigger classes than this! The first year I taught I had a 2nd Grade class of 30 students. I have always been told you do not forget the first class you teach, and I know that to be true! I am equally sure I will not forget the last class I teach! It is interesting that I started out teaching 2nd Grade and that is also how I am ending my teaching career. It has been a wonderful last year! “To God be the glory!”