

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

August 2025

"Teach with undivided heart to trust Thy truth, Thy name to fear." Psalter 233

School Board Notes

Meeting held August 7, 2025

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 52 and opens with prayer.
2. The Treasurer's Report is received.
3. The Tuition Report is received.
4. Building Fund Report is received.
5. Foundation Committee Report is received.
6. The Technology Committee report is received. ○ A 75" Viewboard Touchscreen has been purchased for the 5th grade classroom.
7. The Transportation Committee report is received.
8. The Principal's Report is received.
9. Education Committee Report is received.
10. SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee) 6-7-25 minutes were received.
 - A subcommittee will investigate establishing a mood room, updating K-2 bathrooms, landscaping, and next steps on the old computer lab.
 - The tech committee will investigate electronic door locks and surveillance cameras for school.
 - The board is further investigating a future school counselor.
11. The 2025 Needs Assessment is received and discussed. The Ed Committee will discuss further and bring a recommendation for short and long-term goals.
12. Mike De Jager closes in prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday September 3, 2025

Peter Brummel & Mark Kooima will be making classroom visits to the 1st, 7th, 8th classrooms and Resource Room in September.



*****We are still in need of a volleyball coach for our junior high volleyball teams this fall! Please contact Mr. Heynen at ad@hprcs.com, or 712-348-2534 if you're interested*****

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$38,102.28
Budgeted YTD: \$43,700.00
Difference YTD: **(\$5,597.72)**

Ladies Guild Notes

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! As we begin, we do so with thankful hearts—grateful for God's continued care in the year past and seeking His guidance for the year ahead.

Be sure to stop by the school office to pick up your new school calendar. We're grateful to the Calendar Committee for their time and effort this summer in putting it together. The hot lunch schedule is also done by a Ladies Guild committee over the summer, and we thank them for their work as well.

Ready for some fresh Colorado peaches? If you ordered peaches last spring, the peach delivery date is tentatively set for Thursday, September 4. Keep an eye out for more information as the date gets closer.

The next Guild meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the 7th grade classroom. We'll be holding officer elections and conducting regular business. If you've ever considered joining the Ladies Guild, now is a great time. Our membership has been decreasing, and new involvement is essential to help this valuable group continue its support of our school.

"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." Proverbs 16:3

School Calendar

August	15: Fees & 10% tuition due 25: first day of school; 2:30 dismiss
September	1: Labor Day - no school 3: Board Meeting 18: Picture Day 10: 2:30 Dismissal 24: 2:30 Dismissal

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22: 6

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer so far and is now ready to begin another school year. Our school doors will open for the 2025-2026 school year on Monday, August 25, the Lord willing. Convocation exercises will be held at the Hull Protestant Reformed Church at 8:45 A.M on this day. Rev. Brummel will be giving the address. Everyone is welcome to attend and begin the school year with us. Feel free to stop in and check out the classrooms and the excited, smiling faces of the students! School will be dismissed at 2:30 with bus service being provided.

This year we have five families who are sending their first child to HPRCS. I would like to extend to them a very warm welcome to our school! They are Brandyn and Meghan Brummel (Tracen), Andrew and Ashley Lenting (Gideon), Mark and Abby Maassen (Maeva), Brandon and Maria Miersma (Leo) and Jesse and Michelle Pollema (Johnny).

Modification and Accommodations in Education

By: Nancy Gritters

"Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life." Proverbs 4:13

In the field of education, *modification* and *accommodation* are essential strategies used to support students with diverse learning needs. Though the terms are often used interchangeably, they serve different purposes and have distinct meanings.

Modifications involve changes to what a student is expected to learn. For example, a student with a cognitive disability might be given a simplified version of an assignment or be expected to master only part of the curriculum. This changes the content or the learning goals, ensuring that the student can access learning in a way that is appropriate for their abilities. Sometimes it means learning to read in a different room, and with a different reading curriculum.

Accommodations, on the other hand, do not change what is being taught, but rather *how* it is taught or accessed. These include changes in the environment, instructional methods, or assessment formats. For instance, a student with dyslexia might be allowed to use

It is important to always communicate with the school office and the bus drivers if your child is going to be absent, late, or picked up early from school.

I would like to remind parents to instruct their children to limit their use of phones in school to necessary calls only. If any student takes a cell phone to school, it is to be turned in to the classroom teacher upon arrival and will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Our building and grounds are smoke-free. Please comply with this rule.

It is my prayer that all parents, students, and teachers have a great upcoming school year and that all things are done to God's honor and glory. The goal of God's glory underlies our goal regarding our children, namely, that our children shall serve God in this world and in that which is to come. What a privilege we have to instruct our covenant children together in the mighty works of God! May God bless our labors throughout another school year.



text-to-speech software or receive extended time on tests. Accommodations help level the playing field so that students with disabilities have equal opportunities to succeed alongside their peers.

Both strategies aim to provide inclusive and equitable education for all students. They require careful planning, collaboration between educators and families, and a strong understanding of each student's unique needs. While accommodations support students within the general curriculum, modifications tailor the curriculum itself. Together, they play a crucial role in ensuring that every student has access to meaningful learning experiences.

God has blessed us greatly with unique and beautiful children and it is our calling to instruct each of them in the fear of the Lord. This means educating each child according to his or her need and ability.

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Proverb 22:6**