

# Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School

# SCHOOL NEWS

February 2024



Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Prov. 3:13



## School Board Notes

Meeting Held February 7, 2024

1. President Dan Poppema reads from Psalm 138 and opens with prayer
2. Treasurer's Report is received
3. Scrip Report is received
4. Tuition Report is received
5. Building Fund Report is received
6. Principal's Report is received
7. Teacher Visit reports are received
8. Education Committee minutes are received for information
9. Transportation Committee Report is received
10. Teacher compensation for the 2024-2025 school year was discussed and approved
11. Contracts for next school year will go out early March
12. Jesse Van Donge closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 6, 2024

***From the HPRCS Board: With gratitude, \$133,636.14 was collected on the Fall Drive. This was applied to the building debt along with a \$100,000 gift that the school received. The remaining loan balance on the building is \$380,000 to the bank and \$150,000 to the foundation.***

### Did You Know?

President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives —George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

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

## Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$173,892.36  
Budgeted YTD: \$236,600.00  
Difference YTD: \$(62,707.64)

## Ladies Guild Notes

Please join us at the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Friday, March 8 starting at 4 pm at Trinity Christian High School. This event is for 4th grade and up (including adults) to participate in. Non-basketball players are welcome to come support the teams, enjoy delicious food, or volunteer to help at the score table or as a referee.

Visitor's day is set for the afternoon of Thursday, March 21. We hope to see you there!

Continue to watch the memo for more events this spring including the Mother Daughter Social and Interscholastics.

Our next Guild meeting will be on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 pm in the 7th grade classroom. Mary Vis closes in prayer. New members and visitors are welcome to attend!

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."  
Zephaniah 3:17



## School Calendar

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	14: 2:30 dismissal
	19: Presidents' Day/no school
	23: All School program
	28: 2:30 dismissal
<b>MARCH</b>	6: School board
	11: Guild meeting
	21: Visitors' Day in afternoon

## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

We are already a few weeks into the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2023–2024 school year. January is past and we are busy into February. It is amazing how fast a school year seems to go by.

The students and staff are busy practicing for the All School Program to be held on **Friday, February 23**, at 7:00 PM at the Hull Protestant Reformed Church, the Lord willing. The theme for this year's program is "Atoning Love". Please mark this date on your calendar so you can come and enjoy a wonderful night of listening to our covenant children praising God in song and recitation.

The students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade have finished taking Iowa Assessments again for another school year. The results allow the parents and teachers of the students to observe the individual rate of growth of the students on these tests. These will be given to the parents at the March Parent–Teacher conferences. The test results will also be shared with the Education Committee and the School board.

February is the month when some of our board committees begin shifting their focus from the current year to the next year, especially regarding staffing. The principal's contract will be given to me in mid-February. The rest of the teachers on our staff will receive their teaching contracts for the 2024 – 2025 school year on or shortly after March 1. We have a very experienced and talented staff who are very dedicated to their labor in our

school. I am always impressed by the many different talents and styles that our teachers have and use to teach our covenant children. Please encourage our teachers to continue at our school next year and remember them in your prayers as they make their decisions.

There are two positions that will need to be filled for the 2024–2025 school year - the 8<sup>th</sup> grade home room and a band director. Mr. Kyle Brummel has decided to leave Iowa and move his family to Michigan sometime this summer, and Mrs. Jan Zandstra has decided to not return to her position as band director. We thank both of them for their faithful labors in our school and wish God's blessings on them moving forward.

May God continue to bless our school, and may we as staff and parents continue to be diligent in our work of rearing our covenant children to the glory and praise of our God.



### Surveying Sixth Grade Studies

By: Mr. Chad Uittenbogaard

We continue to be busy in the sixth grade as we enter the month of February. Here are some highlights of areas we have been studying.

In history we have just completed a short unit about the barbarian Franks and the Holy Roman Empire. We now turn to the Middle Ages, an era sometimes referred to as the Dark Ages. Our attention is drawn to feudalism, knights, and castles in this unit. We also focus on the importance of putting on the spiritual armor of God in our daily battle against our own sin, the devil, and this wicked world.

In science we finished a unit about the sun, the planets, and other minor objects like comets and asteroids. Next, we travel even deeper into space to see more heavenly bodies created by God: stars, galaxies, nebula, and even black holes. God has created a universe so vast man can't even see to the end of it. He has placed trillions of stars in the heavens, yet He knows all of them by name. May we stand in awe of His great power and might as revealed in the creation around us!

In geography we are finishing up a short unit on the country of Switzerland. We have seen the Swiss to be a very democratic and peace-loving country. The beauty

of God's creation is also seen as we look at pictures of the mighty Alps mountain range. Soon the students will begin working on a PowerPoint of a country in Europe which they will have to present to their classmates.

In math we have completed a unit on data and graphing. We have learned to organize facts and figures in an orderly way by using line plots, frequency tables, bar graphs, line graphs, and even stem-and-leaf plots. Our next unit of study is geometry, a unique branch of math dealing more with shapes and spatial relationships.

In English we recently finished a unit on verbs. We have done some writing about our favorite vacation, our favorite Bible story, and an essay about Christ as our "Good Shepherd". We have just begun a unit on adjectives as well.

In Bible we are studying Passion Week, the final week in the earthly life of our Savior. He makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, curses the fig tree, cleanses the temple, answers some tricky questions, and has a final meal with His disciples before being betrayed into the hands of the wicked leaders. We can clearly see the suffering Christ endured on our behalf as He made His way to the cross to die for our sins.

I am thankful for the opportunity to teach these covenant children each day about God and His great works. May He grant us the continued strength to raise these children in the fear of His name.