

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

February 2025

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9

School Board Notes

Meeting held February 5, 2025

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 40 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. Transportation Committee report is received
8. Foundation Committee report is received
9. Principal's Report is received
10. Teacher Visit reports are received
11. Teacher compensation for the 2025-2026 school year was discussed and approved
12. Contracts for next school year will go out later in February
13. Education Committee minutes are received
14. Ladies Guild Treasurer's report and meeting minutes are received
15. Jesse Van Donge closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 5, 2025



FEBRUARY 17

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

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$175,895.34
Budgeted YTD: \$174,080.00
Difference YTD **\$1,815.34**

Ladies Guild Notes

Please join us at our next Guild-sponsored event, the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, on Friday, March 7, hosted at both Trinity Christian High School and Hull PRCS. Be sure to sign up your team (4th grade and up) if you haven't already. Completed registration forms are due in the school office by February 21. If you're not planning to play basketball, stop and grab a bite to eat, cheer on your favorite team, or volunteer to keep score or referee. Our Guild events thrive on volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Wendy Van Donge at 441-5222.

Grandparents Day is scheduled for Friday, March 7. More details about this enjoyable day will be shared very soon, so keep an eye out!

Our next Guild meeting will be on Monday, March 10, at 7:30 pm in the 7th grade classroom. Tonia Westra closes in prayer. New members and visitors are invited to attend! The March meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about the Ladies Guild. We'll be discussing which committees to continue for the 2025-2026 school year.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."
Philippians 4:4*

School Calendar

FEBRUARY	12: 2:30 dismissal
	17: Presidents' Day/no school
	26: 2:30 dismissal
	27: all school program
MARCH	5: School Board
	7: Grandparents' Day (AM)
	7: 3 on 3 Basketball Tourn.
	12: 2:30 dismissal
	13: Parent-teacher conf (eve)
	14: noon dismissal/P-T conf
	26: 2:30 dismissal

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

We are already a few weeks into the 2nd semester of the 2024 – 2025 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 **Thursday, February 27**, at 7:00 PM at the Hull Protestant Reformed Church, the Lord willing. Notice the date of this program is now on a **Thursday**. Our school decided to move the all school program up one day to help accommodate some of our junior high students who are part of the Trinity Robotics team and will go on Friday. The theme for this year's program is "Jehovah our Light". Please mark this date on your calendar so you can come and enjoy a wonderful night of praising God with our covenant children through song and recitation.

The first and second grade students have finished taking Iowa Assessments again for another school year. The test results allow the parents and teachers of the students to observe the individual rate of growth of the students on these tests. These results will be given to the parents at the March Parent-Teacher conferences and eventually 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 soon be given to me by the Board to continue laboring at this position for another school year. The rest of the teachers on our staff will receive their teaching contracts for the 2025/2026 school year on February 28 and are given a few weeks to consider them. One of my responsibilities as principal of the school is to observe our teachers in the classroom each year. 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 laboring at our school next year, and remember them in your prayers as they make their decisions.

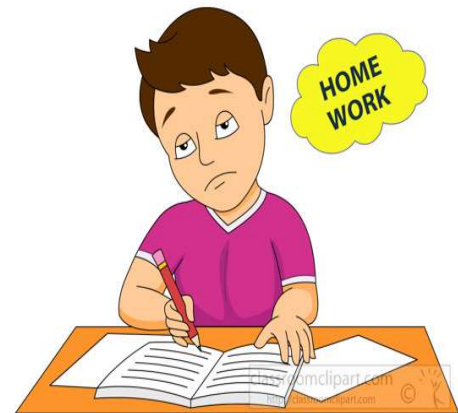
May God continue to bless our school, and may we as staff and parents continue to be diligent in our work of rearing our covenant children to the glory and praise of our God.

Focusing in Fifth Grade

By:
Mrs. Kandace Heynen

Focus (verb) to concentrate; to direct one's attention or efforts

How difficult it is for our brains to stay focused! We live in a time that is full of distractions. Inside and outside of the classroom, we are tempted to become distracted from the main focus of our lives. What should be the focus of a child of God? We must confess with David in Psalm 57:7 "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." David is saying that his fixed heart is focused on God. This is something that is very difficult to do because of our human natures. We pray daily for strength to focus on God and His plan for our lives and to think about salvation and the promise of heaven based on the death of Jesus on the cross. This focus will direct us in everything we do: our schoolwork, our extra-curricular activities, our actions at home and at recess, our attention to the teacher, and our respect of one another, to name a few. If we lose focus on God and His sovereign control of our lives, our focus will turn to something or someone else. Many times, we become focused on ourselves. When this happens, we become proud, we fail to help others or think about the feelings of others, we become lazy in our work, and in doing so, we



sin. It is such a blessing to see the Godly focus of the students in Fifth Grade! Daily there are evidences of students helping students, students responding with spiritual insights, obeying the teacher, and praising God! We together marvel at God's power and handiwork as we take a closer look at God's creation in all our subjects. We have to make conscious efforts to avoid distractions, and we must and do pray for strength in our calling as a fifth-grade classroom community of believers to fix our eyes upon Jesus! May our lives continue to be fixed on our God, as our Father, and Jesus Christ, as our Savior, and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter, as we work each day to love Him and focus on Him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength.