# Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

March 2024



For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Prov. 2:6

#### **School Board Notes**

Meeting Held March 6, 2024

- 1. President Dan Poppema reads from John 14:21-31 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. Principal's Report is received
- 8. Jeremy Hilt will coach boy's soccer and Kolette Villalobos with Andria De Roon will coach girls soccer this year.
- 9. The soccer schedule is approved
- 10. Teacher Visit reports are received
- 11. Songs for the 5th-6th grade chapel are approved
- 12. The Education Committee will meet March 20. 2024
- 13. Transportation Committee report is received
- 14. Foundation Committee report is received
- 15. Nominations for Board Members takes place
- 16. Zach Van Ginkel closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for April 10, 2024





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

### **Church Collection Report**

Received YTD: \$200,699.43 Budgeted YTD: \$266,175.00 Difference YTD (65,475.57)

#### **Ladies Guild Notes**

Thank you for coming out to support our school at the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament this past Friday. It was a wonderful evening of basketball and fellowship! A special thanks to the gate workers, those who helped ref, worked at the score table, donated food, and helped in the kitchen. This fundraiser wouldn't be a success without you!

Please note that Visitor's Day is now scheduled for Thursday afternoon, March 21. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Mother Daughter Social is set for Tuesday, April 30. More information on this evening will be coming out later.

Reminder to keep scanning your receipts with the Box Top app. It is an easy way to help support our school.

Ladies Guild will meet on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 in the 7th grade classroom. Mary Vis closes in prayer. Visitors and new members are welcome to join!

"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Isaiah 61:11

# School Calendar

MARCH

12: 8th grade day at Trinity (2 PM)

13: 2:30 dismissal

14: Parent/teacher conf aft. and evening 15: Noon Dismissal/Parent/teacher conf.

21: Visitors' Day in afternoon

22: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> chapel 27: 2:30 dismissal

**APRIL** 

1-5 Spring break/ no school

10: School board meeting

10: 2:30 dismissal

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## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Another school year is rapidly passing us by. March 15 marks the end of the third quarter of our school year. It is hard to imagine that we have just over nine weeks of school remaining for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Tuesday, March 19 marks the start of spring, but with the mild winter that we have had, we might not even notice! Our school will be having its spring break next month with no school from **Monday, April 1 to Friday, April 5**.

Our teachers are currently considering contracts extended to them by our Board for the next school year. The school board handed out the teaching contracts to our staff on March 1. The staff has until **March 15** to consider these contracts. I give thanks to the LORD for all our teachers who faithfully labor each day in their work of educating our covenant children. Please remember them in your prayers as they make their decisions regarding the 2024 – 2025 school year.

March is also the time of the year we have parent-teacher conferences. This year they are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, <u>March 14 – 15</u>. This is a great opportunity for the parents and teachers to discuss how the children are doing at school both academically and socially as we head into the final quarter of this school year.

This coming <u>Tuesday, March 12</u>, our 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students will be going to Trinity Chr. High School for the

Reflecting on the All-School Program

By: Mrs. Kandace Heynen

Our parents, grandparents and supporters recently experienced a blessed evening of hearing the covenant students joyfully singing God's praises and reciting Scripture texts. The occasion was our annual All School program. Each year, much planning and work goes into this much-loved program. A committee of teachers, one each from K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th, along with our music teachers work to plan the program. Much thought goes into choosing a theme, the songs for each section of students to sing, the instruments to include, and the scripture or texts from the Creeds that fit the theme. The grades begin practicing after Christmas break and work daily on memorizing the words of the songs and texts. Those on the planning committee have a bit more invested in the outcome and felt very blessed to hear this postprogram comment. "I said last year's program was the best yet, and now I say it again, this was the best program yet! I say it every year!". A huge thank you goes out to those on the planning committee, but especially to the teachers who work to carry out the plan. Each grade works to learn the songs. There are times of group practices for each and finally, the week of the program, the whole school practices two times at church for a couple of hours. It is a privilege to

annual 8<sup>th</sup>-grade day. This is a terrific occasion for our 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students to briefly experience the high school atmosphere and to go over their 9<sup>th</sup>-grade curriculum opportunities.

Please join us at school on <u>Thursday afternoon</u>, <u>March 21</u>, for Visitor's Day. Grandparents and parents may visit in the classrooms from 1:00-3:00 pm. It makes for a busy afternoon, but we love having visitors come to see what we are doing in school! We are also having a 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade chapel on Friday morning, <u>March 22</u> with a theme of "I Believe." You are welcome to come and join us at the Hull P.R. Church at 8:45 AM.

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



While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night

be able not only to teach the words, but to help instill in the students a knowledge of the message. This year's theme "Atoning Love" is very precious to us! God sent His only beloved Son on account of our sinfulness to redeem us unto Himself. What a comfort to know that we have fellowship with God and that He loved us so much! This love compels us to love one another, as Christ has loved us. Here in this Christian school, we strive to teach the students what it looks like to love God first, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. May this also be emphasized in our homes! May we all continue our calling to praise the Lord as spoken of in Psalm 100. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."