

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

October 2025

“Guide in truth and teach Thou me” Psalter 67

School Board Notes

Meeting held October 8, 2025

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 62 and opens with prayer.
2. The Treasurer's Report, Tuition Report and Building Fund Report are received.
3. Adjusted plans were presented for review for K-2 bathrooms and remodel of the computer lab to a board room/teacher's lounge.
4. Principals Report is received.
5. Education Committee minutes of Sept. 24 meeting are received.
6. MMS to approve content of God Counts for 3rd & 4th Chapel with 2 changes. Carried.
7. MMS to approve 2025-2026 classroom schedules and Resource Room Report. Carried.
8. MMS to approve purchase of 15 additional seats for IXL Math and Language subscription. This software is used in a number of the classrooms from K-8 as an aid for students who struggle in math or language. Carried.
9. MMS to raise the Administrator's spending limit from \$500 to \$1000 for additional curriculum materials. Carried.
10. MMS to approve November chapel music: "A Round of Thanks", "Praise and Thanksgiving", "Father, We Thank Thee", "We Gather Together", and "Now Thank We All Our God". Carried.
11. MMS to approve All School Program music: "Were You There", "He Lives", "Golden Harps Are Sounding", "It Is Well with My Soul", "Hymn of Heaven" and "Open the Gates of the Temple". Carried.
12. Technology Committee Report is received.
13. MMS to purchase GoGuardian Subscription for Chromebook monitoring and web filtering. Carried.
14. MMS to purchase and install a camera system in school. Carried.
15. Foundation Committee minutes of Sept. 15 meeting are received.
16. MMS to approve the investment policy statement as adopted by the Foundation Committee. Carried.
17. MMS to change the Foundation Committee bylaws to pay out up to 4% of the income generated by the Foundation fund when requested by the board. Carried.
18. Ladies Guild minutes of Sept. 8 meeting are received.
19. MMS to approve the purchase of the laminator for school paid for by the Ladies Guild. Carried.
20. Nathan Van Maanen closes in prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday November 5, 2025

**MMS = Motion made and seconded
Evan Westra and Chad Andringa will be making classroom visits to the 2nd, 4th, 6th and music classrooms in October.

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$72,966.28
Budgeted YTD: \$87,400.00
Difference YTD: **(\$14,433.72)**

Ladies Guild Notes

Interscholastic Preview Program for speech and piano is planned for the evening of October 21. Come and join us in encouraging these students as they develop lifelong skills.

The 14th Annual Stop-n-Shop will be held on Saturday, November 8 from 9:30 – 1:30 pm. Be sure to follow the HPRCS Stop N Shop on Facebook for the latest updates and a list of this year's vendors. Take time to check out the Ladies Guild bake sale table and to enjoy a delicious lunch and slice of pie! Take out containers will be available if you need a quick meal or want to deliver one to a friend or family member.

The Harvest Sale is set for Friday, November 14. It's time to get your thinking caps on and start thinking about donation ideas! Donations can be dropped off at school the week of the auction. Make sure to mark your calendars to enjoy an evening of food & fellowship!

The Ladies Guild will meet next on Monday, November 10 @ 7:30 in the 7th grade classroom. New members are always welcome!

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalm 32:8

Cash and carry Scrip is available in the school office during school hours.

School Calendar

October	13: Parent-teacher conf. (aft./evening)
	14: noon dismiss/P-T conf. noon hour
	15-17: no school PRTI convention
	18: Honors Band Auditions
	21: speech/piano preview night @ HPRCS
	22: 2:30 dismissal
	24: End of 1st quarter
	27: speech intersch @ RVCS
	30: 2nd & 3rd chapel @ HPRCS gym
November	5: School board
	12: 2:30 dismissal
	24: Doon/Hull Choir & Band program
	26: noon dismissal
	27-28: no school Thanksgiving break

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

Over six weeks of school have already passed, and we are into the month of October. Catechism, school work, athletic activities, and church activities keep us very busy throughout the school year. I would like to use this newsletter to inform you of some school activities that are being held throughout the month of October.

On Monday afternoon and evening, October 13, and at noon on Tuesday, October 14, we will be having Parent-Teacher conferences. We are looking forward to seeing many of our parents at these conferences next week.

Most of the teachers will be traveling to Heritage Christian School in Hudsonville, Michigan, for the Protestant Reformed Teachers Institute Convention to be held this coming week October 16 & 17. Professor Griess will be giving the keynote speech on the convention's theme of "Dwelling Together in Unity" based on Ephesians 4: 1 – 3. This is a very good opportunity for professional growth by our staff and to develop/renew friendships with other teachers from our Protestant Reformed Christian schools. As a result of our teachers attending this convention, there will be no school from Wednesday, October 15 to Friday, October 17.

On Saturday, October 18, eight students will be traveling to Storm Lake for Honor Band Auditions. We hope they can use the talents God has given them to the

best of their ability at these auditions.

Please come and enjoy approximately 15 Interscholastic speeches and 8 piano selections from our 6th – 8th graders at the preview program that will be held on Tuesday, October 21. Like the past few years, the piano part of interscholastic activities has been dropped. We as a school have decided to include the piano part in our preview program at our school. We thank them for taking the time and effort to play at this event. Most of the speech students will give the same speech again at Rock Valley Christian School at Speech Interscholastics on Monday, October 27.

Friday, October 24 marks the end of our 1st marking period. Report cards will be sent home with the oldest student in each family the following Thursday, October 30.

Join us at the 2nd & 3rd grade chapel to be held in our school's gym on Thursday, October 30. The theme is "God Counts Numbers in God's Word and World."

In conclusion, we thank and glorify our heavenly Father for His provision of a covenantal Christian school for us, which is founded upon the truth of the perfect Word of God. May our gracious God continue to preserve and bless us with Protestant Reformed education for our covenant children.

Using Our God Given Abilities

By: Mr. Torrey Heynen

Psalm 139:1a says, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." What a great reminder this is for me as Athletic Director, and our students, as middle school sport seasons are underway! Our students are called to use their bodies and abilities in thankful service to God, and one of the ways they can do this is by participating in middle school sports. As we continue on in volleyball and look to future sports, this is a great opportunity to take a step back and consider the many blessings God provides our middle schoolers through these activities.

During middle school students are developing and growing spiritually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Playing sports gives them an opportunity to grow in a lot of different ways. Athletes learn discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and also humility while playing sports. They are also challenged to work hard, to respect the coach and be coachable, to encourage one another, and also to grow in both victories or defeats. All of these small lessons do not just help them in middle school but prepare them for the rest of their lives.

Participation in middle school sports also builds unity among students in the classroom. As students are



all members of one team, they celebrate with one another in success; they help each other bear one another's burdens, and they learn to serve one another. This reflects the wonderful truth that we are all members of the body of Christ, called to work together in unity to honor and glorify his name. Keeping this in mind, we do not use sports for our fame and glory but use the gifts God has blessed us with to the best of our abilities. Running, jumping, hitting, dribbling, throwing, sprinting, and passing are all opportunities to glorify God with our bodies.

May we as parents, teachers, and supporters encourage our students to play sports, not for their own glory but to serve God and to learn many different life lessons. Winning is fun, but the most enjoyable part of sports is playing and using our bodies faithfully to serve the one who created us.