“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally..” James 1:5

SCHOOL NEWS

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School



September 2025

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“Teach me the way that I should go; I lift my soul to Thee” Psalter 391/Psalm 143

# **School Board Notes**

### Church Collection Report

Received YTD: $ 52,421.28

Budgeted YTD: $$65,550.00

Difference YTD: **($13,128.72)**

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Meeting held September 3, 2025

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 56 and opens with prayer.

2. The Treasurer’s Report, Tuition Report and Building Fund Report are received.

3. Initial plans were presented for review for K-2 bathrooms and remodel of the computer lab to a board room/teacher’s lounge. Plans will be adjusted per feedback and initial estimates gathered.

4. The Technology Committee report is received.

5. Motion to approve 5 new chromebooks to replace damaged chromebooks. Supported and Carried.

6. An initial plan for cameras in school hallways and outdoors was presented for review.

7. Principals Report is received.

8. Motion to approve usage of the 2024 Psalter and purchase 130 psalters and 12 spiral bound psalters. Supported and Carried.

9. Motion to approve Fall Choir Music: “Nearer still Nearer”, “We Gather Together”, “Keep your Lamps!” & “Rise Up Singing”. Supported and Carried.

10. Motion to approve Mrs. Kandace Heynen to assist temporarily with the 5th grade band students. Supported and Carried.

11. Motion to approve Junior High Chapel Music: “A Worker’s Prayer” & “Take My Life”. Supported and Carried.

12. General Fund Audit Letters are received.

13. Classroom visit schedule is reviewed.

14. Initial investigation report for a possible future school counselor is received.

15. Foundation Committee Report and Transportation Committee reports are received.

16. Mark Kooima closes in prayer.

***Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday October 8, 2025***

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



**School Calendar**

**September 10: 2:30 Dismissal**

**18: Picture Day**

**24: 2:30 Dismissal**

**October 8: 2:30 Dismissal**

**13: Parent-teacher conference (evening)**

**14: noon dismiss/P-T conf noon hour**

**15-17: no school PRTI convention**

**27: speech intersch @ RVCS**

# **Ladies Guild Notes**

The Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone for their support of the recent food business fundraiser. In total, the Ladies Guild sold 320 flats of peaches last month. Has everyone eaten all of their peaches from Palisade, Colorado, the “Peach Capital of Colorado”? I don’t think I’m alone in thinking they were absolutely delicious.

Now we look forward to a number of upcoming fall Ladies Guild dates. First, the Interscholastic Preview Program for speech and piano is being planned for Wednesday, October 8, at Hull PRCS.

The 14th annual Stop’N’Shop event will be held Saturday, November 8. Registration is now open to school supporters, and if you’re interested in sharing your talents, you can find the registration form on the school's website. We look forward to another fun-filled shopping experience!

The Harvest Sale is set for Friday, November 15. Donations can be brought to school the week of the auction. Make sure to mark your calendar to enjoy an evening of food and fellowship.

“And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.” Isaiah 12:4

 Accountability and Support Application(CASA) plan. This plan en into two parts: *Assuranc*

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games already this season. The volleyball teams have two home games this coming week on Tuesday and Thursday, September 16 and 18. Feel free to come, encourage, and cheer on our 7th & 8th grade volleyball girls this year!

At the start of this school year, one of our PR administrators shared a quote he had read in an Educational magazine with other principals in our schools. The quote was from a June 16, 2025, post to the Christian Scholars Review Blog. by Derek C. Schuurman, a Professor of Computer Science at Calvin University and recently appointed Chair of the Department, He wrote an article titled, **“Integrating Faith and Academic Administration.”**In that article Professor Schuurman describes the work of an administrator.  “An administrator should show evidence of mature Christian character and virtues like honesty, humility, courage, prudence, compassion, wisdom, and, when appropriate, a little humor.  Administrators should avoid the pitfalls of pride, vain glory, apathy, and being overbearing.  When appropriate, a godly administrator should be able to apologize and acknowledge mistakes.  Ideally, an academic administrator should not be ambitious or self-serving, but rather a servant who is willing to set aside their own ambitions to help others thrive.” It is humbling to consider what he says. May God graciously grant me the ability to lead our staff and our students with these characteristics. To God be all the glory!

That is because the amount of social learning that we do in kindergarten far outweighs what we learn academically. This is especially true at the beginning of the year. One of the most important lessons we are learning is how to work and play in the middle of a group of others. And along with that how to get along with those people. We are learning to let go of only thinking about ourselves and see how our choices affect others and the relationships we are learning to establish. We work on all this because of Jesus’ command to love one another. As the year progresses our social-emotional lessons focus on how to live as a child of God. We learn all about bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit. Educational research has proved that children do not learn these things by osmosis, but they must be explicitly taught.

We see that our parents and grandparents were right in establishing good Christian schools that we make use of. Just as we worship in community, we also learn in community as members of the Body of Christ. In kindergarten we begin to l earn how to get along in that community. This knowledge will carry us into the future as members of the church. We are instructed in Hebrews 10:24-25, “Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.” So pray for us this year as we begin learning everything we need to know in kindergarten.

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Down over in kindergarten we are busy learning all we really need to know. If you have ever read the book or poem by Robert Fulghum, you might know some of the things he listed which are much of what we are currently learning: “Share everything. Play fair. Don’t hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don’t take things that are not yours. Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and play and work every day some. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder.” These are a few of the items he has listed. His reason for writing the book is to point out that these fundamental principles for a good life were taught in kindergarten. He could not be more correct about this. We are definitely laying many fundamental principles for learning in kindergarten. We have been working on listening quietly with our whole body and not interrupting, respecting someone’s personal space, how to use school tools, playing nicely with others on the playground, focus on what is being said or read, following rules, and even how to hold a conversation among many other things.

You might also have noticed that this list does not include anything academic. If you keep reading the list, he does mention the little seeds we plant in Styrofoam cups, class pets which like all animals die, and learning to read Dick and Jane and the first word learned – look. Compared to the number of items in the rest of the list; the number of academic things is quite small.

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**Learning Life in Kindergarten**

By: Mrs. Rachel Mooy

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to a new school year. This year we have 142 students from 68 families enrolled in our school. Most of us are now officially back into the routine of school life.

We are a little over three weeks into the busyness of a new school year. Teachers are busy with their weekly planning along with preparing for other activities such as field trips, chapels, and even the All School Program. The students are all quickly adjusting to their “new” grade and a “new” teacher, and the staff is enthusiastically implementing their teaching ideas and strategies for the upcoming school year. Much excitement once again fills the hallways and the classrooms of our school!

Our first chapel for the 2025-2026 school year is scheduled for Friday, September 26. Everyone is invited to come to the 6th-8th grade chapel to be held at Hull PR church. Seminarian Bruce Feenstra, who is doing his internship at Doon PRC, will speak on Psalm 90:16-17. The 6th-8th grade students will be presenting some special numbers and recitations as well.

The junior high girls are into their volleyball season. The 7th & 8th grade girls are being coached this year by Mrs. Hannah Heynen. We thank her for her willingness to take time out of her busy schedule as a mom to coach these girls. The girls have had many practices and played in three games already this season.

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**Principal’s Corner**

**By Mr. Gritters**

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