

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

January 2024



“Teach me Thy way to know; I have no God but Thee” Psalter 389 stanza 5



School Board Notes

Meeting Held January 10, 2024

1. President Dan Poppema reads from James 1:17-27 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. The Education Committee will meet on January 24, 2024
9. Math students proposals for the FastTrack program are received and approved
10. Transportation Committee report is received
11. Foundation Committee report is received
12. Dan Poppema closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for February 7, 2024

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

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$ 140,819.31
Budgeted YTD: \$ 207,025.00
Difference YTD (**\$66,205.69**)

Ladies Guild Notes

Greetings as we begin a new calendar year! We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing Christmas break with your families.

Because of the winter storm, Ladies Guild will now be meeting on Monday, January 22 at 7:30 pm in the 7th grade classroom. Visitors and new members are welcome to join us as we make decisions and discuss ideas for our school. Candi Vink has closing prayer.

Lord willing, we have many exciting events to look forward to this spring! Visitors Day, the Mother Daughter social, and the 3 on 3 Basketball tournament are a few of the events coming up.

The sparkling white snow around us is a beautiful picture of God's promise in Isaiah 1:18b "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."



School Calendar

JANUARY

12: end of 1st semester
22-26: 1st & 2nd IA Assessments
24: 2:30 dismissal

FEBRUARY

24: education committee meets
2: hearing screening K-3 & 8th
7: school board
14: 2:30 dismissal
19: Presidents' Day/no school

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

It is hard to believe that we are officially into the year 2024! We are off to a very snowy start with two of our school days being canceled already due to the effects of Winter Storm Finn. This past **Friday, January 12**, marked the halfway point through another school year and the end of the 1st semester for the 2023-2024 school year. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, **January 18**, the Lord willing. As teachers and students, we were grateful for the Christmas break, but we are very thankful to be able to return to school to resume our labors once again.

During the 2nd semester, we will have a student-teacher working with the 7th & 8th graders. Mrs. Missy Driesen will be at school from 1:30 – 3:30 each school day throughout the rest of the year. In addition to Missy, we welcome six Trinity Christian High School girls, Alyce Brummel, Maesa Cleveringa, Makiah DeJager, Jenna Mantel, Abby Pollema, and Katelyn Zevenbergen. These girls come to our school during a free period at Trinity and help some of our teachers in the classroom for about 35 minutes. We appreciate all the help they give our students and teachers!

January is the month when our school normally administered the Iowa Assessment tests. The state of Iowa now **requires** all accredited non-public schools

to take the ISASP which stands for the **I**owa **S**tatewide **A**ssessment of **S**tudent **P**rogress. The ISASP will be given to the students in **grades 3 – 8** and will be administered later this school year in **April**. We will, however, still be administering the Iowa Assessments from **January 22 – January 26** to the 1st & 2nd grade students. The results of these assessments will be given to the first and second-grade parents at the March conferences. The overall results of each grade will then be reported to the Education Committee, to the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC), and to our school board.

Many of the classes are beginning to practice singing songs for the All School Program which is to be held Friday evening, **February 23**, the Lord willing. They use the morning singing each day to help prepare the students. The theme of this year's program is "Atoning Love". Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. We, as a school, look forward to reciting God's Word and singing the songs of praise for the honor and glory of Jehovah at this program.

What a joy and blessing it is to be able to educate our children in our own covenant Christian school!

Seventh Grade

By: Mrs. Jodi Baker

Our 2023-24 school year is officially halfway finished this past Friday. I am thankful for each day I get the opportunity to spend with the 7th and 8th graders. I pray for the Lord's blessings on the labors of our minds and hands in this past fall semester of 2023.

This spring semester we have a special student teacher, Mrs. Missy Driesen, joining us for three periods at the end of the day. She is no stranger to our classroom, as she's been observing and pre-student teaching with us for the past two years. She is also student teaching at Trinity, teaching there for the first five periods of the day under Mrs. Rochelle Bloemendaal. We welcome Mrs. Driesen to our classroom in this capacity.

I also want to give a thank you to Gracia Kooima. She job-shadowed as a part of Trinity Christian High School's J-term, joining us at school for three afternoons last week. Gracia was a big help to both Mr. Brummel and me, assisting our students

with their work and doing some grading.

We also continue to be gifted with an incredible volunteer, Mrs. Verna Westra. She has been lending a helping hand as a teacher aide the last two years, this year coming a couple of mornings a week. We appreciate her dedication and the support she provides to us all in the 7th-grade classroom.

Mark your calendars! Our 7th and 8th graders have been working hard on their Rube Goldberg projects since the beginning of December, and they will be showcasing them next Friday, January 19th, in the commons area at school. It will be an exciting event, and everyone is invited to come and witness their creativity in action.

