

# Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

November 2024

“Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God” II Cor 9:11

## School Board Notes

Meeting Held November 6, 2024

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 29 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. The Education Committee will meet on November 26, 2024
11. The basketball schedule is approved
12. Mrs. Kassandra Brummel will coach the girls' basketball team
13. Classroom visit reports are received
14. Approved the song "What a Day that Will Be" for the November concert
15. Shane Davelaar closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for December 4, 2024



## Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$ 100,999.15  
Budgeted YTD: \$ 108,800.00  
Difference YTD (**\$7,800.85**)

## Ladies Guild Notes

The Ladies Guild would like to extend a thank you to all the students who participated in the Interscholastic Preview night and attended the Interscholastic Event last month. A warm thank you, as well, both to the judges for their advice and assistance and to the supporters who attended and encouraged the students.

We would also like to thank everyone who came out to support our school at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Stop-N-Shop, held Saturday, November 2. All those who shopped the booths, volunteered their time, donated their delicious goodies, or stopped for soup and pie made this day a success.

Buying a few extra groceries for the holiday season? Make sure to use your Box Tops app to scan your receipts for eligible items. The other way to easily earn cash is to link your Walmart account to your Box Tops app. The steps to connect accounts are laid out in the app if you haven't logged in for a while.

The Cards/Dishcloths/Cookbooks Committee would like you to check out the newly stocked inventory of cards and dishcloths at the school office if you didn't get a chance to purchase them at the Stop-N-Shop.

Join us at the next Ladies Guild meeting on Monday, November 11, at 7:30 in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. This is a great opportunity to help support our school and we would love to see new members!

"Wholehearted thanksgiving to thee will I bring, in praise of thy marvelous deeds I will sing; in thee I will joy and exultingly cry, thy name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High." Psalter 16: stanza 1

## School Calendar

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>13: 2:30 dismissal</b>
	<b>25: Doon/Hull choir/band program</b>
	<b>26: Jr. High Science Fair</b>
	<b>26: Ed. Committee</b>
	<b>27: 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> chapel</b>
	<b>27: noon dismissal</b>
	<b>28-29: Thanksgiving break/no school</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>4: Board Meeting</b>
	<b>11: 2:30 dismissal</b>
	<b>23-Jan 2: Christmas break</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>3: classes resume</b>

## Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

The teachers' convention is one of the many highlights of the school year for our teachers. This year marked the 69<sup>th</sup> Protestant Reformed Teachers' Convention to be held. Teachers and administrators from Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, California, and South Dakota attended this convention on October 17 – 18 at Adams Christian School in Byron Center, Michigan.

After the initial coffee time and singing, Rev. Smidstra delivered the keynote speech on Thursday morning based on Jeremiah 17: 7 – 8 His speech was entitled "**Planted by Rivers of Water**" and his main point dealt with the essential question – In whom do we place our trust or our confidence in order to satisfy our longing for true love, security, and well-being?

Rev. Smidstra began by saying that the core principle of life is that every human being will place their trust in something. It will shape their character. There are only two possible objects that people place their trust in – God or man. Man is feeble and fades away. He is spiritually dead by nature and will bear no fruit. Yet the folly of man's fallen nature is that he puts his confidence in man but refuses to believe in the Savior Jesus Christ. Man fools himself and is doomed to fail. God's grace turns a believer's heart so he will rely on Jehovah who is the all-sufficient one. A believer looks with the eyes of faith to God in whom is complete salvation. The believer rests in God's fatherly care. He looks to God with eyes of faith and finds true happiness.

### Junior High Happenings

By: Mr. Torrey Heynen

As we get deeper into this school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the learning that is happening in the 6-8th grades. It is an exciting time for the students to engage in math, geography, computers, and physical education in my classroom.

#### Math Dash

In math class, we are sprinting through measurement, fractions, and factors. Students are encouraged to think of different ways to apply what they know to solve problems in math. Teaching math is wonderful as I can see the different abilities God has given to each and every one of our students as they come up with ways to solve problems that I have never even thought about before.

#### Geography Explorations

We started off the year with a big unit on Mexico where students made a presentation on the states of Mexico, and even learned some Spanish which helped them understand the wonderful diversity God has in His creation around the world. After our test in 8th grade, we brought Mexican food to share for lunch with each other!

We have now traveled to South America to study and learn about the countries there. If you haven't heard from your child on what one of the deadliest snakes in the world is, you better ask them! Just don't plan a vacation to the Island of Iiha da Queimada Grande without doing some research.

He then has a sure hope of the good which is to come in eternity with Christ in Heaven. The elect are like a tree which is planted by rivers of water. We receive our life sustaining moisture from Jesus, our spiritual river and as a result bear much fruit. We are engrafted into Christ, and His righteousness is imputed into us. One application that was brought out for our teachers was tying all the subjects that are taught to God. Point the students to Him by incorporating scripture throughout the day. Covenant Christian education includes showing the contrast of the two views of trust – God or man. Our school's education should be full of Christ and with the aim being the glory of God and not just to impart knowledge.

The keynote was highly motivating to us as teachers in our classrooms. Pray that he keeps us faithful in our calling to educate His covenant seed. May we as teachers show to our students our love for God's Word which He has placed in our hearts, bringing it to the students with joy and excitement every day.

The convention was again very worthwhile and the teachers received much encouragement and practical knowledge from the keynote speech, the sectionals attended, and the fellowship experienced with all the other teachers of our schools. We would like to thank the Board and constituents for making it possible for us to attend the convention. We also thank God for the spiritual encouragement we received through the teachers' convention and pray that God will continue to bless our covenant schools. The faculty and staff at HPRCS give thanks to God for all He has done for us and wish each of you a very blessed Thanksgiving.



I am currently teaching the same content to all 6-8th grade students which is wonderful, as all grades ask different questions and point out different things.

#### Coding in Computers

We are staying busy with some coding in computer class. The students created a flappy bird game, created a quilt, and also built a mini-app. We are also starting to learn about Google products like Google Forms, and Google Slides.

#### Productive Physical Education

In PE, we are emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, and staying active. Students have played a variety of games including; dodgeball, kickball, softball, ultimate frisbee, capture the cone, capture the flag, and volleyball. It was fantastic seeing the students participating in all of these activities as God has given them the ability to do so, even when it's 90 degrees outside!