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 HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



The
'Missing'
Puzzle Piece

How to Be:
...the most excellent way

2011-2012 kick-off dates

Welcome Back!

We are so excited for the start of the new school year. The entire staff is busy making plans, cleaning, and preparing for the first day of school.

The first day of school for grades K-8 is Tuesday, August 23 and we will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. on that day. P.T.O. will begin our first day of school with a prayer service in the gym from 8:30-8:45 a.m. to ask God for His blessing on our 2011-2012 school year. After the prayer service, we will begin our convocation service. All parents, grandparents, and friends are invited!



New Family Open House

Welcome to Highland Christian! We are excited that your family has become part of ours. To make your transition into Highland Christian smoother, we invite you to our New Family Open House on Monday, August 22 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please park in the large east lot and enter the doors marked "To God Be the Glory." At 6:30, we will gather in the gymnasium for a brief orientation. You will then be dismissed to your child's classroom to meet their teacher and other new student families. Light refreshments will be provided by our PTO.

Grandparents' Day 2011



Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on Friday, October 21, 2011. Make sure to mark your calendars for this day to visit all of your special HCS students in their classrooms and to enjoy the program put on by the K-5 students. Our theme this year will be "Kids Under Construction." We look forward to seeing each of you there!

Ice Cream Social Meet Your Teacher Night!

Thursday, Sept. 1
6:30-8:00 p.m.

All parents and students are invited to come enjoy a delicious ice cream sundae and have the opportunity to meet your teacher!

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents – please stop in your child's homeroom for information regarding the school year. It is especially important for 8th grade parents to stop in the homerooms as there will be information about the 8th grade events for this year.

Calling All 6th Grade Parents!

There will be an informational meeting for parents of 6th grade students in the gym at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th. This meeting will give you important information to help you come alongside your 6th grader as they enter a major educational transition into Junior High. This meeting is designed for parents, although students may attend if desired.

School Board Statement on School Vouchers

Highland Christian School is accredited by Christian Schools International. The voucher bill requires that each non-public school participating in school choice vouchers be accredited by the State of Indiana. After careful consideration, the Highland Christian School Board voted to continue as an independently accredited non-public school and not to seek State of Indiana accreditation. We believe this decision will preserve the historic commitment of Highland Christian School to Christ-centered education.

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New in Technology

HCS technology has undergone many progressive changes throughout the year, including the on-going implementation of academic data on-line through Edline. This fall, you will see many pieces of important information going on-line, including Primary and Elementary periodic grade reports and report cards! Fear not, paper will still be available to those who need it! In addition, expanded technology training for students will be given in K-5 using the curriculum 'Techno Kids'. An advanced level of technology has also been added to Junior High academic programming as an elective.



After much work by the Technology Committee (a sub-committee of the School Board), we have a much needed new server implementation, new technology lab computers, additional classroom computers, updated library software, and a host of other 'details' that come with technology implementation. We are thankful for the components that the PTO provided to this large project! We could not have put it all together without their help.

If you haven't done so this summer, please check out www.highlandchristian.org!

One of our very own HCS dad's, Joe Porter, has overhauled the organization, flow and visual impact of our website. As a professional web

designer, Joe has improved the HCS web presence and ease of information accessibility

immensely! As a public site, www.highlandchristian.org will allow you easy access to all non-sensitive information at HCS. The private information (academic info, directories, etc.) is available to parents and students through a link on the public site, to EDLINE using a login and password. We are always available to assist you if you need help 'connecting'!

HCS will now be managing the distribution of important communications with aweber.com, an on-line newsletter service. Families and supporters will be able to subscribe and unsubscribe to any or all of the following: Parent Note, PTO News, HCS Auction News, HCS Foundation News, *etc...* a resale marketplace News. If you are not yet 'connected', but would like to be, go to highlandchristian.org/newsletter-signup.

Sonshine Enrichment Center

Sonshine Enrichment Center has a new director, new teachers, some new students, and is gearing up for new learning experiences. A 5-day class, with full and half day options is underway! A whole new classroom is being equipped. The new director, Ms. Donna Terpstra, will also be lead teacher for the five day SEC component. Mrs. Karen van Belle will join Ms. Donna in the five day class each morning. SEC will start the year discussing what it means to be curious, using Curious George and his misadventures as learning tools. The teachers and aides are ready to "hang around", ready to "swing" into a new school year, and anxious to "monkey around" with SEC's students.

What remains the same at SEC is the secure Christian atmosphere and hands-on learning activities; students grow spiritually, cognitively, physically, socially, emotionally, and creatively; dedicated Christ-followers serve as teachers and aides; positive reinforcement promotes both learning and self-esteem in each student; and the SEC staff recognizes each

child as God's special and unique creation, valuable to God and His creation.

Mark your calendars for August 25, 6:30 p.m. for the SEC Parent Informational Meeting & Student Get-Acquainted Evening. Students and teachers will get acquainted with their teachers, classroom, and classmates. While the students get acquainted, parents will meet in the gym and receive valuable information for the 2011-12 school year. New and returning families are urged to attend. If possible, please make childcare arrangements for siblings. Watch for an invitation and more information in the US mail.

The first day of classes for the 5-day class and 2-day class will "swing in" on September 6. The 3-day classes will "swing in" on September 7. Sonshine will be a jungle full of swingin' monkeys and we can't wait! Keep SEC in your prayers as the new school year approaches, we look forward to partnering with parents for the 2011-12 school year.

Achieve Program Questionnaire

Elim Christian Services has been hard at work with a task force of area Christian school principals, board members and special educators to discuss ways to meet the needs of children of believing parents whose academic needs are not being met by the local Christian school, or through the services of Elim. These students often 'fall in the gap'. The program that is being worked on is called Achieve. In order to assess the level of local interest (Illiana area) for such a program, we will distribute a letter and questionnaire in early September. **If you have a child that you believe would be serviced by such a program, or know of another family that would be serviced, you may request a questionnaire at any time.**

Kindergarten Blessings!

Highland Christian School has enjoyed an enormous interest in kindergarten this year! In anticipation, the board considered several options to address the needs. After careful consideration, the decision was made to cap each kindergarten class at 24 students to allow for optimal learning experiences for each of the students. The current 5-full day kindergarten is closed, while the 3-full day kindergarten class has a few spots remaining. With several families in the application process we expect this class to be full as well. HCS has begun a waiting list in case spots open up.



Epic Sale 2011

World's Finest Chocolate



The HCS Candy Sale will begin on Friday, August 26 but this year there's a twist!! Students will

also have the opportunity to sell Entertainment Books! You may choose one or both items to earn spectacular prizes while helping us raise funds for specific events and programs this year, including Grandparents' Day. This epic sale will function the same as the Candy Sale did last year. All students will be permitted to participate with parental consent.

Thanks for being part of our success! Please watch for additional details online. As well, materials will be sent home with your child during the first week of school.

Save your magazine orders for our January fundraiser!

Entertainment Coupon



The Entertainment Coupon Book is the perfect fundraising program especially during these economically difficult times!

The Entertainment Book is filled with hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 discounts for your area on the things you do everyday like dining, groceries, shopping, services, travel, attractions, and much more!

With each book purchase, you also have online access to hundreds of additional local printable coupons and incredible online shopping discounts not found in the book!

They make a wonderful gift, and you can support our school for only \$25.00! **Books will be coming home on Friday, August 26, 2011!**

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Tuition and Fees 2011-2012

Tuition:

- \$5,460.00 per full time student
- \$4,370.00 per five full-day kindergarten student
- \$3,280.00 per three full-day kindergarten student
- \$2,730.00 per five half-day kindergarten student

Bus Fee:

- \$385.00 per child for students using a.m. and p.m. bus service
- \$192.50 per child for part-time kindergartners or those desiring to use the bus one way

Capital Improvement Fee:

- \$300.00 per family with one or more full-time students and are from a supporting church
- \$150.00 per family with a part-time kindergarten student only and are from a supporting church
- \$310.00 per family with one or more full-time students and are from a non-supporting church
- \$155.00 per family with a part-time kindergarten student only and are from a non-supporting church

Milk Fee:

- \$16.00 per student

Sonshine Enrichment Center:

- \$40.00 Registration Fee
- \$105.00 per month Two-Day AM or PM
- \$135.00 per month Three-Day AM or PM
- \$236.00 per month Five-Day AM or PM
- \$390.00 per month Five-Day Full-Day

Dress Standards

For a full list of dress standards, please consult the website or the Parent-Student Handbook. Changes to the dress code are recorded below:

- Leggings of any kind, including 'skinny jeans' are permitted if worn with a top or dress that is finger tip length.
- Sweatpants are for athletic events, but not for attendance in the classroom. A matching suit is still permitted.



Lunch Program Update

For the 2011-2012 school year, PTO will not be offering hot lunch on Wednesdays. However, work is on-going to provide a five-day lunch program, (not necessarily hot). Great care is being taken to ensure that meals would be healthy; cost would be low; participation is completely to parents discretion; environmental impact is low; waste is minimal; and the need for community volunteers is reasonable. While this program will not be available at the start of the school year, it is a goal to begin some-time in the 2011-2012 school year.

2011-2012 Tuition Policy Summary

The School Board has established a tuition policy to bring fiscal accountability to the school's budget. Below is a summary of the tuition policy. To review the full text, please see the Parent-Student Handbook.

- A. Tuition payments are based on a ten(10) month payment schedule beginning in August. Tuition payments are due by the 15th of each month.
- B. Families that fall behind on tuition obligations will be asked to meet with Administrative staff.
- C. Children may be withheld from attendance when unwilling to meet with Administrative Staff.
- D. The first invoice will include one month's tuition, one month bus fee, builder user's fee, and milk money. (bus and milk where applicable)
- E. Accounts must be paid by May 31, unless alternative arrangements have been made.
- F. 'D' and 'E' must be satisfied before the children are permitted to attend.
- G. HCS reserves the right to withhold 8th grade graduation participation and transcript on outstanding accounts.
- H. Charges on a mid-year withdrawal will be calculated on a per day basis. The Builder User's Fee is not refundable.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Instructions

HCS is committed to safe and excellent supervision from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. **Before** and **After** those times, we are thankful for the opportunity to provide the service of **Before and After Care (BAC)**. BAC is billed at \$5.50 per hour in 1/4 hour increments. Please note the drop-off and pick-up instructions below. For more information on **EARLY drop-off** and **LATE pick-up**, please see the guidelines under BAC below.

Drop-off:

- Please enter the campus at the east drive (Delaware Street).
- Drop you children at the sidewalk on the south east corner of our gymnasium.
- Exit the campus using the south drive to Lincoln Avenue.
- We encourage everyone wishing to go west on Ridge Road to proceed to the traffic light at 5th Avenue.

Alternate Drop-off:

When the lot at Highland II CRC is not occupied, we have permission to utilize it as an alternate drop-off.

- Please enter the lot at the southern most drive or from 5th Avenue and proceed to the sidewalk along the eastern edge of the lot.
- Discharge passengers at the sidewalk and proceed to exit via the north drive onto 5th Avenue.

Pick-up:

- Please enter the campus at the east drive (Delaware Street).
- Find a parking spot in the east parking lot. When your young child exits the building please meet them and walk them through the lot to your car.
- We encourage everyone to exit the campus using the south drive to Lincoln Avenue.
- If you will go west on Ridge Road, proceed to the traffic light at 5th Avenue. East bound Ridge Road traffic should exit to Carolina Street.

Alternate Pick-up:

When the lot at Highland II CRC is not occupied, we have permission to utilize it as an alternate pick-up point.

- Please enter the lot at the southern most drive or from 5th Avenue and proceed to the sidewalk along the eastern edge of the lot.
- Collect passengers at the sidewalk area and proceed to exit via the north drive onto 5th Avenue.



Before and After Care

Before and After Care is available to Pre-K through 8th grade students from 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Note: There is no care provided during the middle of the day for half day students. For those anticipating using the Before and After Care at some time during the year, please pick up and fill out a BAC registration form from the office.

For those that find themselves in need of Spot Service, please feel free to 'drop-in' on any day, but please notify the office at some point during that day. Students dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m. and picked up later than 3:25 p.m. will be sent to BAC and billed in 1/4 hour increments. Charges in BAC are \$5.50 per hour, and these charges will be billed on the monthly statement.

Thanks to those of you who helped make BAC an enjoyable and positive experience for students by providing monies to purchase wish list items!

Husky Hustle!

A newly formed committee will host a Husky Hustle (a fun-run for children and a 5K race for competitors) during the 2011-2012 school year. This committee is seeking a parent(s) that loves to run and organize to be a part of this exciting project. Parents interested in being a part of planning this exciting event, please call Jerry Huizenga (219-923-0739) or Mary Mitchell (219-322-4487) as soon as possible.

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2011-2012 New School Board Members

Highland Christian School welcomes four new board members this year. For a full explanation of board election policy and rotation, please request a copy of the board policy manual from the school office.

Tim Abbring

Tim is a graduate of Calvin College and Western Michigan University and works as the administrator at Providence Life Services. Tim is a longtime supporter of Highland and Illiana Christian Schools. Tim is a veteran board member, elder and worship leader, currently a member at New Life in Highland.

Jill Johnson

Jill has been a long term supporter and volunteer at Highland and Illiana Christian Schools serving in a wide range of ways including as a coach and bus driver! As a member of Community United Reformed Church, Jill has served as a GEMS counselor for many years.

John Stammis

John holds advanced degrees in computer science and works at GE Healthcare as a remote service engineer on hospital imaging systems. John is a longtime supporter of Highland and Illiana Christian Schools. John is an active volunteer in his church, serving Crossroads Community Church through small group leadership and technical support teaming.

Jo Zandstra

Jo is a graduate of Calvin College with a degree in social work and currently works as a Compliance Officer for Providence Life Services. Jo has a son who will finish at Highland Christian at the end of this school year. Jo is an active member of Highland First CRC and has served on several committees and has taken leadership roles as a catechism teacher and in the junior high youth programs.

P.T.O. News

With the beginning of a new school year the HCS Parent-Teacher Organization Board is looking forward to a productive year of working hard and serving together. In reflecting on our progress in recent years, you may know that the PTO works in a variety of capacities around our school. Ultimately, the PTO's goals fall hand in hand with the mission of HCS, "to honor God, as we nurture and guide students... with the goal of providing the highest quality Christ-centered education."

PTO works to support our teachers, parents and students through a variety of activities and fundraising programs. PTO raises almost \$15,000 annually to fill needs in and around school that fall outside the traditional HCS budget. While our traditional PTO fundraisers have helped us fill in funding gaps; we are also excited about new possibilities that don't place additional burden on families for their time, financial support or energy. We are constantly working to improve and tweak our programs to make them better and more effective.

The tradition of **Apple Slices**, has been renamed and will now be called **9x13 Dutch Apple Pie**. In an intense four days of pie-making fun, this program traditionally raises nearly \$5,000 for HCS! We are moving up production to the first week in October. This is a volunteer intense activity where many hands are needed to make this a success. Watch for volunteer signups in upcoming PTO News.

We also coordinate other smaller fundraisers that take place throughout the year including: **Audrey's Cake Rolls** (November) and **Strudel/Dutch Banket** sales (April) and **sub sandwiches** (May). We sell candy and treats at HCS concerts and programs and we coordinate fundraiser nights at restaurants and shopping rewards at Strack & Van Til and Carson Pirie Scott Days.

You turned in so many **Ultra receipts** we purchased an adding machine to keep the totals added. We hope this program will begin again this fall.

By far our most exciting fundraisers are coming from a surprising place: your trash! Last year we introduced the **Terra Cycle** and **Abbitti Recycling Programs**. While you keep trash out of the landfill, you put cash into HCS. Last

year alone we collected thousands of ziptop bags, candy wrappers, juice pouches, snack bags, glue bottles, pens and paper. It was mind blowing to see the totals increase every month. This summer Abbitti gave us a second recycling bin for our newspapers because we repeatedly filled the single bin to overflowing. We have become one of the top school recyclers in Indiana. Keep it coming in!

What happens with the money PTO raises from fundraisers? PTO focuses much of its gift "granting" from the HCS "Wish List." Last year, we helped by funding the purchase of much-needed emergency radios and we helped offset the cost of new Accelerated Reading software. We also helped with some smaller needs by equipping classrooms with new pencil sharpeners, new American and Christian flags and providing each teacher with a school supply store gift card to help with classroom needs.

PTO stocks the kitchen with needed supplies; we host Family Fun Night and Dilly Bar Day for the students and serve freeze pops on Field Day.

PTO shows support for our teachers and staff through two appreciation breakfasts for staff at Christmas and on Teacher Appreciation Day. We help fund selected classroom activities such as Christmas parties and help room parents with funds to provide each teacher with a small gift on their birthday.

Only with the help of you as parents, grandparents and friends of HCS would our activities be successful.

This year, so your volunteer support can continue to be meaningful and effective, we will change the way we ask for your help. To fill needs for fundraisers, classroom helpers, Christmas parties and special activities we will communicate with you by HCS's new online newsletters and surveys. HCS's new website design will help us quickly survey you and give you the information you need to quickly make decisions about how you can help. Stay online with us and watch for our upcoming news and reports on our success.

We, as a PTO are excited to work together alongside of you as we continue serve in the many opportunities available throughout the year.

class lists

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Zandstra - KZ

Emily Bantsolas
Mikayla Derks
Nora Filler
Samuel Franco
Laura Groot
Taylor Immig
Julia LaBuda
Justine Nelson
Anastasia O'Donnell
Tommy Ooms
Sophia Oostema
Drew Phillips
Calvin Pierce
Chase Poortinga
Brendon Roy
Samuel Schenkel
Isaac Sherwood
Anderson Spoelman
Luke Vanden Bout

Mrs. Brown - K1/2

Niaomi Lopez
Clarissa Sitter
Janna van Belle

Mrs. Brown - K5

Jack Armendariz
Marshawn Bradley
Moriah Colar
Alexcia De Young
Luke De Jong
Nathan Del Rio
Madelyn Long
Charles Mitchell
Savannah Moore
Colin Morgan
Makenzie Mulderink
Savannah Sampson
Claire Sawyer
Jake Taylor
Madysen Tuel
Jaida Vaca
Grace Van Ek
Jackson Van Laten
Skylar Van Til
Simeon Washington

FIRST

Mrs. DeYoung - 1D

Addison Bandstra
Mason Benitez
Nick Dykstra
Matthew Huizenga
Noah Kieft
Nina Koutz
Adam Leep
Freddy Leep
Kysten Matthews
Joshua Murray
Jenna Norman
Noah Ostrom
Priya Sen
Caleb Smith
Jenna Strbiak
Brenna Thompson
Samantha Togtman
Mia Van Prooyen
Drew Witvoet

Mrs. Otte - 1O

Ivy Bailey
Elijah Blackmon
Arie De Young
Isaac De Young
Cameron Evers
Bradleigh Graham
Zachary Hart
Kamryn Hairston
Tyson Hicks
Marley Huizenga
Caleb Ivie
Christopher Kinkade
Jaedyn Long
Cassie Otto
Tyler Rodriguez
Megan Ruffolo
Nico Sytsma
Abbie Van Kley
Mandie Van Kley
Anthony Williams
Donny Woo
Audrey Yonkman

SECOND

Mrs. Donovan-2D

Elizabeth Branch
Cayla Costello
Anna Crowel
Sam Gaiser
Xander Grantsaris
Austin Johnson
Saniya Langford
Olivia Mapes
Brynn McGuffey
Elizabeth McGuffey
Maxwell Meter
Lydia Montalvo
Joey Norman
Aubrey Porter
Peter Thompson
Thijs van Belle

Mrs. Reynhout - 2R

Jacob Bodnar
Samuel Burbage
Ashley Burgess
Emma De Boer
Lorelee De Young
Madison Derks
Mikayla Hart
Daniel Kielpikowski
Leah Kloese
Gabe Kooy
Reese McGuffey
Olivia Oostema
Elena Parodi
Hailey Ross
Parker Schutt
Camille Van Laten
Jordan Warren

THIRD

Mrs. Sylvester - 3S

Fletcher Bandstra
Tristan Buder
Joey Cardinale
Liam Ferry
Matthew Groot
Adam Hartman-Graves
Makayla Hoeksema
Reid Klarer
Samantha Knoll
Josiah Mireles
Mia Moore
Joshua Nolen
Addison Oakes
Presley Peek
Audrey Ross
Morgan Rudenga
Dorianne Smith
Logan Smith
Josiah Wildman
Olivia Yonkman

Miss Vredeveld - 3V

Justin Brantley
Jack Burbage
Emily Feikema
Myles Hicks
Mia Jenkins
Simon Molenaar
Michael Moore
Matthew Pyle
Ethan Reynhout
Evan Stevens
Joshua Sylvester
Sophia Thompson
Hallie Van Kley
Sam Vargo
Isabella Verastegui
Samuel Washington
Vanessa Wilcox

FOURTH

Mrs. Jabaay - 4J
 Marco Amatulli
 Ella Crowel
 Anna Delahunty
 Anna Floyd
 Erica Gillespie
 Jessica Hanson
 Annie Kilepikowski
 Jamie Klapak
 Clarissa Koutz
 Anna Lenting
 Camden Matthews
 Savannah Morgan
 Lance Mulderink
 Te'nia Phillips
 Kayla Sylvester
 Lexi Terpstra
 Lauren Woo
 Riley Woodward
 Cade Yonkman

Mrs. Wagenaar - 4W

Olivia De Young
 Cassidy Derks
 Kaylee Evers
 Ashley Immig
 Noa Kayser
 Logan Kikkert-Miller
 Aaron Lewis
 Joshua Maticcik
 Ben Meter
 Alicia Morris
 Eric Quasney
 Cloe Schipper
 Eddie Spoelman
 Carli Strbiak
 Joe Thompson
 Angelina Verastegui
 Gevon Wade
 Arianna Winchell
 Madeline Zandstra
 Audrey Zoeteman

FIFTH

Mrs. Huizenga - 5H
 Taylor Bapst
 Ronald Bass
 Heidi Bultema
 Jordan Costello
 Abby Ebbens
 Nicholas Huizenga
 David King
 Isaiah King
 Christopher Koutz
 Lindsey LaBuda
 Hannah Last
 Kyle Mulderink
 Julia Oostema
 Sarah O'Riley
 Cate Peerbolte
 Kattera Phillips
 Tori Ruffalo
 Riley Schutt
 Emma Stevens
 Isaac Sytsma
 Natalie Togtman
 Erin Yonkman

Mrs. Mulderink - 5M

Lilly Armendariz
 Jessica Bell
 Madison Buder
 Gina Cardinale
 Samuel Delahunty
 Katie Dykstra
 Matthew Fulton
 Emma Groot
 Ben Knoll
 Lily Laballiere
 Sarah Mapes
 Macy Margherio
 Jayden Matthews
 Nathan Oh
 Joshua Otte
 Joshua Parodi
 Aslynn Riemersma
 Morgan Rinkema
 Connor Robertson
 Dylan Vander Woude
 Gretchen Wineinger
 Seth Witham

SIXTH

Mrs. Scheeringa - 6S
 Lauren Amatulli
 Jaylin Brantley
 Collin Bultema
 Nathan De Vries
 Andrew Feikema
 Raijai King
 Jordan Kikkert-Miller
 Sarah Kuiper
 Cassie Laninga
 Jake Lenting
 Emily Montalvo
 Tori Terpstra
 Anna Thompson
 Tylor Torres
 Noah Vander Woude

Mr. Brink - 6B

Desmond Bailey
 Emily Blink
 Kenna Crowel
 Nadene Hladek
 Ben Johnson
 Jeffrey Kroll
 CJ Lineburg
 Marissa Montalvo
 Danielle Porter
 Kyle Reinhout
 Ryan Rudenga
 Payton Vaca
 Rachel Wilcox
 Kyle Zuidema

SEVENTH

Mrs. Timmer - 7T
 Jack Barth
 Raena Bass
 Joshua Boender
 Whitney Brummel
 Christina Camp
 Tim Hoeksema
 Bo Hofstra
 Vanesa Huizenga
 Michael Johnson
 Jared Jonkman
 Caleb Last
 Katie Lineburg
 Ethan O'Riley
 Victor Ornelas
 Sarah Schoon
 Jacob Sokolevski
 Norman Standish
 Melanie Van Til

Mrs. Musch - 7M

Christian Akinbobuyi
 Cheyenne Childers
 Elyse Dunham
 Noah Holderman
 Tiffany Ketelaar
 Joseph Klapak
 Hannah Kortum
 Ellie Maticcik
 Jacob Mulderink
 Neal Pawlowski
 JP Peerbolte
 Avrey Riemersma
 Eden Schipper
 Jacob Thompson
 Matthew Vargo

EIGHTH

Mrs. Groen - 8G
 James Bell
 Lucas Delahunty
 Lorna DeWindt
 Rebecca Duaro
 Isaiah Gaiser
 Chandler Kimmel
 Josh Kostelyk
 Garret Lytle
 Jared O'Reilly
 Jonathan Otte
 Elyssa Patricks
 Destini Pimental
 Takoda Potts
 David Prince
 Mikinsey Pruim
 Aaron Riemersma
 Luke Sytsma
 Mandie West
 Luke Zandstra

Mr. Vander Woude - 8WW

Luke Boss
 Anneke Brummel
 Susan Evak
 LaTanya Gaiser
 Ryan Griffin
 Josh Klapak
 Aaron Knapper
 Martha Mapes
 Diamond McCrimon
 David Montalvo
 Jonathan Neeley
 Steven Otte
 Emily Otte
 Sarah Parrish
 Emma Spoelman
 Jack Thompson
 Robby Zandstra
 Cameron Zandstra
 James Zandstra
 Matthew Zandstra

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Parents, fans, and coaches have had the joy of watching the Huskies 2010-2011 8th grade basketball team! This includes: Colton Ebbens, Arthur Carey, Andrew Sitter, Devin Terpstra, Chad Ketelaar, Nathan Zuidema, Gavin Yonkman, Joel Bergsma, Andrew Stammers, Derrik Lewis (Lil D), and Zack Pruiim. This group of impressive young men has been together since 6th grade through their great finish at the 8th Grade Tournament. Back in

the entire half and drew many fouls. There was a great deal of excitement and exciting play when the game winning point was thrown and the Huskies and their fans went crazy. It was incredibly exciting to watch and we now had the momentum going into the championship. The championship game was against a familiar opponent: CPCS. The Huskies played a great game and played their style of basketball through the entire game with a

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comfortable lead. The Huskies won the championship 36 to 27! The undefeated season was accomplished and couldn't have happened in a better way.

It has been an absolute blessing for us as coaches to work with these students and to see their hard work pay off. We have grown by leaps and bounds both in basketball skills and in our faith together. We have spent time as a team in prayer many times and have truly grown as a team; coaches and players. We have become a close team over the past few years and this relationship has been strengthened through the opportunities provided by the Lord. This team consists of a remarkable group of young men that

fifth grade we coaches were scratching our heads with a 1-9 season. In sixth grade we played several overtime games, and all the games were nail biters. In seventh grade the team had a 5-5 record with a third place tournament finish. The 8th grade season was going to be tough and the team knew it. The Huskies were the 'team to beat'.

As coaches, we focused the year on playing against ourselves. The challenge to work hard and go beyond average paid off. Defense was also a major focus for the 8th graders. The first game was an indicator for the rest of the season. Our first game was against Crown Point Christian and we knew it would be a tough encounter. The win against CPCS was followed by 9 more wins in the regular season, achieving the undefeated regular season we hoped for.

The tournament was surely one to remember. The Huskies were the number 1 seed and received a bye in the first round. Even when we hit a rough spot in the tournament, the spark came back as a mixture of tenacious defense and free throws. After the spark, we played the best basketball in all of the 3 years. We pressed

are truly Christian examples through their attitude on the court and their character off the court.

As coaches, we also thank the parents for their support and advice over the years. Thanks for believing in us. Thanks to Trevor Schaap for doing the stats for the Huskies and being a good friend to the team. Thanks to each member of the team for always trying, working hard, believing in us as coaches, and giving us some of the best times of our lives. We are extremely proud of this team and how much they have accomplished. It was a joyous celebration when the season ended after winning the tournament, but we were sad knowing that it was over. We have been blessed beyond our expectations and are thankful for the opportunity to coach a team that has become some of our best friends.

To God be the Glory!

Coaches Neil Krooswyk and Tim Wiltjer

8th Grade Boys' Volleyball

The 8th grade boys' volleyball team had an outstanding season in 2010-2011. The boys played very hard all season and worked hard to improve their skills and understanding of game. As coaches we could not be more proud of the way these young men improved and represented Christ and Highland Christian School. Throughout the season HCS battled with Calvin Christian for the title of "top dog". Despite amazing efforts each time they played, the team finished in 2nd place in the Tinley Park Tournament, the Illiana Tournament and in regular season record, with Calvin just besting us each time. Despite all this we think these boys had an amazing season and we look forward to watch their continued development as they take to the court in High School. Awesome job boys!

Coaches: Dianne Ebbens and Kristi Pruijm



2010-2011 8th Grade Team Players

James Fedele, Zack Pruijm, Chad Ketelaar, Colton Ebbens, Devin Terpstra, Gavin Yonkman, Nathan Zuidema, Joel Bergsma, Andrew Sitter, Sean Armendariz and Andrew Stammis



2010-2011 7th Grade Team Players

Jonathan Neeley, Garret Lytle, David Prince, Matthew Zandstra, Robby Zandstra, Chandler Kimmel, Steven Otte, Joshua Kostelyk, James Zandstra, Luke Zandstra, Ryan Griffin, and Aaron Riemersma

7th Grade Boys' Volleyball

The 2010-2011 7th grade boys' volleyball team had an awesome year! Our team consisted of twelve players, one book keeper, and two coaches. The team began with the rules they had learned from gym class, but by the first game they understood what was expected of them. They began the season with a tournament in Tinley Park, IL. - The team walked away with a first place trophy. The 7th grade team continued the season with an undefeated record. The season ended with a first place win at the Illiana Christian School Tournament. The volleyball players are looking forward to a successful season next year!

Coaches: Clara Krygsheld and Sara Timmer

Statisticians: Cameron Zandstra and Chris VanderWall

Cheerleading

Cheerleaders had a super season during the 2010-2011 year. Cheering for the Boys and Girls 8th Grade Tournament was one of the highlights. Making it even sweeter was the tournaments win the 8th grade boys had after an undefeated season. The cheerleaders cheered the entire game keeping the momentum going. This year the girls also learned two dances and about five floor cheers. Their ability to pick up and perform cheers quickly was great. Carmen Huizenga and Hannah Sonnor led the girls to outstanding performances throughout the season. This year we had five 8th graders- Carmen Huizenga, Hannah Sonnor, Lydia Huizenga, Courtney Hearld and Courtney Smith, and 6th graders consisted of Eden Schipper, Da'Yna Whitehead and Christina Camp. Congratulations to all of you. You did an amazing job and I am proud of each of you!

Chris VanderWall





Important Husky Update!!!

In the interest of continuing the rich athletic tradition at Highland Christian School, many sources of funding have been investigated. While team and competitive athletic opportunities are vitally important in the lives of many students, they are also very expensive. In a desire to preserve athletic choices for HCS students, several income sources have been identified to insure that the Husky tradition continues while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Below is one of the new initiatives to keep the Huskies competing!

Sports Activity Fees: Students choosing to participate in a sport will be billed a nominal fee as follows:

- Basketball..... \$30
- Soccer \$20
- Girls Volleyball \$20
- Boys Volleyball \$15
- Cheerleading \$15
- Cross Country..... \$10
- Track..... \$15

*note that athletic fees were set by considering and comparing the actual costs of each sport

Building for the Future

The 2010-2011 HCS Track and Field Team demonstrated a lot of character and growth. The team was young, consisting mostly of 6th graders. Fortunately, there was a number of 7th and 8th graders to help the younger members grow.

The team participated in the Tinley Park Invitational and the Chicagoland Relay Meet, both in Palos Heights, Illinois. Highland also hosted an Octathlon on Tuesday, May 10, with Crown Point Christian and DeMotte Christian. The season ended on Monday, May 16, with the Chicagoland Championship Meet. One of the highlights of the season was the stellar performance of Andrew Stammis in the high jump and 50 meter hurdles.

Mr. Van Dyke and Mr. Vander Woude were pleased with the great attitude demonstrated by the team and growth in skills over the season. They are looking forward to the return of these 6th and 7th graders next year.

2011 Team

Israel Akinbobuyi, Christian Akinbobuyi, Jack Barth, Raena Bass, Josh Boender, Arthur Carey, Becca Dauro, Ryan Griffin, Anthony Hart, Bo Hofstra, JoAnn Huitsing, Vanesa Huizenga, Kalie Johnson, Michael Johnson, JAK Klapak, Aaron Knapper, Joel Kostelyk, Carla Lopez, David Montalvo, Jacob Mulderink, Ethan O'Riley, JP Peerbolte, Destini Pimental, Leah Smit, Courtney Smith, Andrew Stammis, Norman Standish, Jack Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Matthew Vargo, Cameron Zandstra

2011 Awards

- MVP – Andrew Stammis and Becca Dauro
- Most Improved – Bo Hofstra and Carla Lopez
- Specialists – Josh Boender and Courtney Smith
- Can Do – Ryan Griffin, JAK Klapak, and Vanesa Huizenga
- Jack of All Trades – Arthur Carey, Jack Thompson, and Vanesa Huizenga
- Leadership – Jack Barth, JP Peerbolte, and Leah Smit
- Perseverance – Michael Johnson, Aaron Knapper, David Montalvo, JoAnn Huitsing, and Destini Pimental
- Work Ethic – Jacob Mulderink, Ethan O'Riley, Matthew Vargo, Cameron Zandstra, Raena Bass, and Kalie Johnson

Mandatory Athletics Medical Paperwork

If your child is interested in playing on any sports team this school year, the following paperwork must be completed before they will be allowed to tryout/play.

Sports Physical: To be completed by a Licensed Physician

Health History Form: To be completed by the child's parent/s

These forms can be obtained in the main office or online at www.highlandchristian.org, located on the Athletics Page.

Beat the Heat Snow Cone Day at *etc...* a resale marketplace

There's nothing like a snow cone to beat the heat! We had great fun celebrating both new and old customers as we scooped and designed over 150 tasty treats! A day to serve, a day to say thanks, and a day to celebrate the HUGE profit *etc...* is generating for our school! Next time you have a chance, stop by *etc...* to donate, shop or serve!



You Are Vital to *etc...*

It's so amazing to see the many different ways the hand of God works. We often witness "God Incidents" at *etc...*, and we look forward to sharing more of these stories with you in future articles. *etc...* is where you want to be! If you want to experience these stories first hand, call Johnna or Nancy at 865-5400. It's where you can always expect the unexpected!

No Coincidence at *etc...* Only God Incidents

The most important thing we do at *etc... a resale marketplace*, is to start each day with devotions and prayer with our group of staff and volunteers. We rejoice over praise items, cover the needs of Highland Christian School, and also share the joys and concerns of what we call our "etc family," our staff and volunteers. We ask God to make us His hands and feet, as we reflect Him to the customers we meet each day. We seek to represent Christ in our words, as well as our actions. We pray specifically for our customers, that they will feel the Holy Spirit's presence as they enter our store.

One morning as we were praying, we didn't realize that the door was unlocked, so customers had been entering the store, unbeknownst to us. As we opened our eyes, there stood a woman staring at us, and waiting for us to finish. She immediately walked up to the prayer leader, shared that she had some physical needs, and asked to be prayed over. What a privilege it was to come alongside her and share the love of Christ with her through prayer!

Another day during our prayer time, we were specifically praying for needed volunteers, preferably male, because we had a lot of furniture to move, and one of our managers had recently injured her back. Not 10 minutes later, a young man walked in and said his parents sent him in to volunteer for the next two months until he needed to report for duty in the Armed Forces. We smiled and said, "Thank you, Lord!"

Things always seem to show up at just the exact moment needed. A woman came into the store and asked the manager if we had an exercise bike. She had recently had surgery and needed it for therapy. The manager told her we didn't have one available right now, but since the Lord is always listening, one will come in soon. We took her name and number, and not one hour later an exercise bike came in the back door. We called her back and she immediately returned that afternoon to purchase it. She was thrilled, and we were once again reminded how God graciously shows up to meet our needs. What a testimony to how great our God is!

HCS MISSION STATEMENT

In order to honor God,
we nurture and guide students
to see the Father's creation
to sense order in a world saved by Christ
to serve God through the leading of the Holy Spirit

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Bus Race

On July 9th, 2011 the beautiful Husky blue bus rolled out onto Illiana Speedway! What a great time was had by all, but there was a lot of work and fun in the preparation as well. Earlier in the spring HCS students participated in a contest for bus design and the winner was James Zandstra of the 7th grade. When the days became warmer, students of each grade level were organized and coordinated by the art teacher (and helpers) to bring students out to the bus to paint a handprint. Local businesses also provided generous support to the event, what a blessing to have community support! The money that was raised from the bus race will go to the bus replacement fund. Without bragging, we'd like to say how fun it was to come in #1 as 'Best Looking', we even took a trophy! Being the 'Best Looking' bus meant we were able to parade out first in line. Thanks to all those mentioned, and the many others, who contributed in some way to the success of this event!