

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

December 2024



“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...” John 1:14



School Board Notes

Meeting Held December 4, 2024

1. President Chad Andringa reads from Psalm 30 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. Principal's Report is received
9. Classroom visit reports are received
10. Education Committee minutes are received
11. The Resource Room report is approved
12. Hymns for the All School program are reviewed and approved
13. Trinity students will be aides in the classroom again next semester.
14. Short and Long Term goals are reviewed and approved. (More details later)
15. Mark Kooima & Michael De Jager will make up the Employee Compensation committee
16. Ladies Guild Treasurer's Report is received for information
17. Michael De Jager closes in prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 8, 2025

A REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD TO PLEASE GET YOUR CHECKS SENT IN FOR THE FALL DRIVE - THANK YOU



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

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$118,813.90
Budgeted YTD: \$130,560.00
Difference YTD **(\$11,746.10)**

Ladies Guild Notes

Warm holiday greetings from the Hull Protestant Reformed Ladies Guild!

As 2024 comes to a close, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for everyone's help, support, and contributions throughout the year. The Ladies Guild works to organize fundraisers that help offset the operational costs of our school, and your generosity and willingness to lend a hand have been essential to our success.

We also extend a special thank you to everyone who assists with the daily operations of the school. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we sincerely appreciate all that you do.

December is a quieter month for the Ladies Guild, but one tradition continues: providing pizza for the classroom Christmas parties. This year, the celebrations will take place on Friday, December 20. How many acres of pizza do you think Americans consume every day? The answer is 100.

Our next Guild meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, at 7:30 pm in the 7th grade classroom. New members and visitors are welcome!

Wishing you a blessed holiday season filled with joy and peace! "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13

School Calendar

DECEMBER	11: 2:30 dismissal 20: full day of school/Chr. party in aft. 20: Sing-Along at 2:30 PM 23-Jan 2: Christmas break
JANUARY	3: classes resume 8: 2:30 dismissal 8: School board



Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

The 5th graders have been learning Psalm 145 this semester in school and have now memorized the first 16 verses. This beautiful Psalm gives a clear command for instruction in our covenant schools. It states in verse four, "One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts." What an incredible calling parents have to rear up their children in the fear of His name! Our grade school is a great asset to assist parents in this calling. The school is an extension of the covenant homes. We as parents work together to train up our children in the fear of God's name. We share the same goal, the same world-view, and hire teachers who share that same perspective on life. We cooperatively seek to fulfill the calling of this verse in our school. There are some of us who no longer have children in our school. Some perhaps have grandchildren in the school. But, whether you have physical blood ties to the school or not, you still have a vital interest in the success of the school because you have a love for the children of the church.

As teachers then, we have a great blessing. It is a blessing and a privilege for us to teach the students the mighty works of God. A main goal of Christian education is to prepare the covenant seed to live their entire lives in covenant fellowship with God in all spheres of life. We do this by digging into each subject and applying God's Word to it. We want to make known to the students the glorious

majesty of God's kingdom. This work is difficult and weighty -- filled with much responsibility. This forces us as teachers, parents, or grandparents to look to God for strength and wisdom each day. May God bless our labors and bring great fruit upon it. How thankful we are for this wonderful gift of God - our precious school.

This year our last day before Christmas is Friday, December 20. This is a full day with the Christmas Sing-A-Long scheduled to begin at 2:30 pm. If you would like to join us, the weekly school memo will have more information for you. We will resume classes again on Friday, January 3, 2025.

The staff of Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School wishes you a very blessed Christmas. "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10b - 11



Reflections

By: Mrs. Jodi Baker

It's already December, and this school year has flown by. We have just a couple of weeks until Christmas break, but are going strong learning in various subjects. Here are some things that the 6th through 8th graders have been up to in my classes.

It has been a joy to teach our 6th and 7th graders Bible lessons from Genesis. We have explored God's creation, His promises, and the foundational stories of the Christian faith. In 8th grade, we are studying church history, so far looking at events from 70 AD to 1100 AD. It has been interesting to see the growth of the early church and the impact of faith on society throughout history. Often in our lessons about the early church there was a struggle of power between church and state and we are able to discuss how that set the foundation for the church as we have it now. After studying the Council of Nicea, the 8th graders did an amazing job of memorizing the Nicene Creed,

In science class this fall, our 6th to 8th graders studied cells, heredity, and the characteristics that define life. Recently, we hosted a science fair where students

showcased 48 impressive projects, showing creativity and hard work. I was thrilled to see their enthusiasm and got many comments about how well they engaged the people that came up to their tables.

This Friday we are excited to welcome Officer Harmelink to our science classroom. He will guide our students in solving a true past crime using DNA evidence. It is my hope that this experience will not only be educational, but also highlight the importance of science in real-world applications. An added bonus of his visit is that it will give students an opportunity to get to know Officer Harmelink better, as he is our new school resource officer.

We are fast approaching the Christmas break, and the end of 2024. Psalm 90:17 is our prayer as we end the calendar year and head into 2025. "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."