

Board Notes January 2025

1. Krista Van Der Brink opened with devotions.
2. Principal's Report was received. Thank You's were received. Student attendance was reviewed.
3. Old Business
Discussed Building Project Update from contractor MMS to use money raised for the Jog/Walk-a-thon and Hostess supper to support the building project.
4. New Business
Nominations for School Board Members were discussed. Approval of Employees' Salaries Parent Survey results were reviewed.

Discussed schedule for handing out contracts.
MMS to offer Mr. Ten Pas his contract.
5. The meeting was closed with prayer.

*MMS - Motion Made and Supported



SCRIP NEWS

The SCRIP accounts will be settled for this school year the week of March 17. SCRIP statements will be issued and applied to tuition or hot lunch accounts at that time. The April tuition statements for HCS and Western will show these payouts. If your tuition/hot lunch is paid in full for the year, you will receive credit for next school year. If you would like your SCRIP payout destination to change, **please let us know by Friday, March 14** to prepare for the payout. To do so, contact Teresa in the HCS office at 712-439-2273 or email scrip@hullchristian.com.

UPCOMING ORDER DATES

ORDER DATE	PICK UP DATE
Monday, February 10	Thursday, February 13
NO ORDERS - Week of February 17	
Monday, February 24	Thursday, February 27
Monday, March 3	Thursday, March 6

Enjoying the Beautiful Temps in January



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 17

No School - Presidents Day
Finance Meeting 6:00
Technology Meeting 6:00
Board Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, February 18

3rd & 4th Grade Folk Dance Night

Wednesday, February 19

Parent Teacher Conferences
6:00-8:00 PM

Monday February 24 - Friday, February 28

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Thursday, February 27

Orchestra Extravaganza at Western 7:00 ~ 3rd-8th Grade

Monday, March 3

Preschool & Kindergarten Open House 6:30

Tuesday, March 4

Chapel 2:50
Preschool Registration Open at 6:00PM
Education Meeting 7:00

Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21

SPRING BREAK!



Knighly News



Hull Christian School
Rooted in Christ

The mission of Hull Christian School is to educate covenant children in the light of God's Word, preparing them for a life of Christian discipleship, responsible stewardship, and humble service in His kingdom.

Focusing on Student Safety

The past Knightly News articles were written about the importance of additional classroom space, a middle school wing and additional private rooms to serve our students. This month, we will share the need for a secure entrance and how this will improve safety.

One important consideration for our School Board in this building project is the need to keep our students safe at school. According to our School Resource Officer (SRO), Jacob Harmelink, there were 330 school shootings in the United States during 2024 and many more unwanted visitors entering schools. It is essential that the building project will include a secured entrance. Currently, to enter school, individuals push the security button to notify the office of their desire to enter. The office will then allow the individual into school if they are known, if they have a good reason to enter school and if they are considered safe. If the visitor does not meet these standards, the office personnel will ask a few questions in order to verify their need to enter. Upon entering, individuals will walk more than 40 feet before they enter the school office. The new office will be relocated where the third-grade classroom is currently located. This will add a secondary set of security in which all foot traffic must pass before entering the school. Visitors must funnel through the office which will be equipped with a second security release button. This option for screening individuals before entering where the children are present adds more safety for our students and staff. After reviewing this idea with Officer Harmelink, he said, "I love that HCS is moving towards an entry funneled through the office. It adds another level of security and safety. It gives the office personal awareness of who's coming in."

If you have not made your pledge or submitted your form, please do so soon so plans can proceed and work can begin.



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From the Counselor's Corner

As a parent I can attest to the fact that I raised my oldest child differently than my youngest. That older child might say that it is because the youngest is spoiled, and while that may be partly true, I also think that I learned some parenting skills along the way, things that I wish I'd known earlier.

I recently came upon an article from Big Life Journal that compared conventional wisdom with brain science and how these comparisons affect both parenting/teaching styles and ultimately whether or not a child feels understood. This is information that would have helped me when raising my oldest and might have saved me a little parenting guilt later on.

Conventional wisdom says children should always follow the rules, but brain science says that children learn by testing limits and understanding consequences.

Conventional wisdom says that punishment teaches discipline, but brain science says that connection and problem solving build long-term self-discipline.

Conventional wisdom says that if children are misbehaving, they are being defiant, but brain science says that misbehavior often signals unmet needs or emotional overwhelm. Conventional wisdom says that children must succeed to build confidence, but brain science says that children build confidence from effort, persistence, and learning from mistakes.

Looking at childhood behavior from a different perspective might have saved me from some rookie parenting mistakes. I think I was a lot more black and white in my thinking back then, and now I realize that behavior isn't always black and white. Real people, with real emotions, deserve an approach that blends brain science with wisdom passed down from generation to generation.

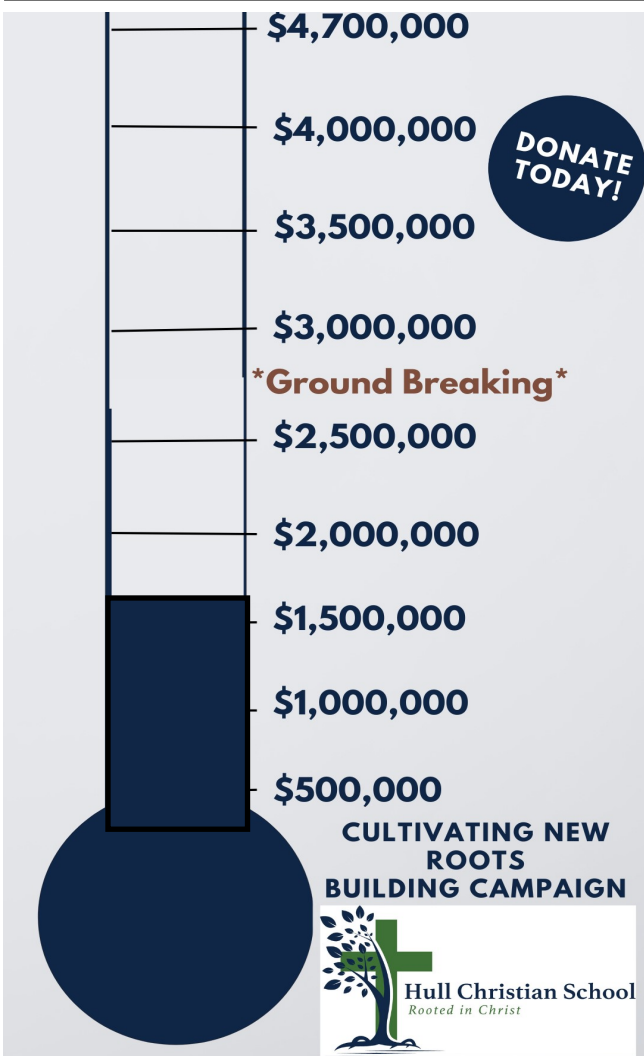
Upcoming Concert Dates

- Tuesday, February 18** - 3rd-4th Grade Folk Dance Night
- Thursday, February 27** - Orchestra Extravaganza
7:00 PM - Western Event Center
- Thursday, March 27** - Western Band Festival -
6th-8th Grade - 7:00 at Western
- Monday, March 31 & Tuesday, April 1** - 7th & 8th Play
- Monday, May 5** - PK-8th Grade Chapel Program -
1:30 & 7:00 - Western Event Center
- Tuesday, May 13** - Band/Orchestra Pops Concert -
7:00 - HCS gym



"Give a Book"

The "Give a Book" program is a special part of our HCS Library. If you would like to honor a child, grandchild, or special friend on their birthday or "just because" please send/bring \$10 per child to HCS. The student will choose a book from Mrs. De Jager's basket and the book will become a new addition to the HCS Library collection. A nameplate will be attached inside the front cover stating the child's name and date. It is fun for each child to take ownership of this book and even years later point it out to family and friends when they visit our library! Donations will be listed in the Knightly News. Join the fun and help our library add books to the collection! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. De Jager or stop by the office.



Nominations to Serve on the Hull Christian School Board

The Hull Christian School Board is looking for nominations of individuals to serve. If you know someone who would make a great board member to help carry out the mission of Hull Christian School, please contact a current board member or Mr. Ten Pas.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, February 24 - Friday, February 28 we will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. We would like to encourage each family to show your appreciation with a note or treat to thank them for their dedication to Hull Christian School.



Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

Preschool Open House and Kindergarten 2025-26 Parent Meeting will be on **Monday, March 3 at 6:30**. The PK and Kindergarten teachers will give a short presentation and hand out folders with information and forms. [Registration for Preschool will open on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 P.M. Here is the QR code for registration.](#) Preschool is filled on a first come, first served basis.



Pop Can Schedule

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| February | March |
| Joel Vande Griend | Seth Oostenink |
| James De Jong | Dusty Bliet |
| Rick Leusink | Dani Pettit |
| Kyle Te Slaa | Troy Bruxvoort |
| Brandon Van Engen | Darin De Wit |
| Mike Hoekstra | Brent Geels |
| Heath Stoker | Matt Dokter |
| Eric Rens | Jonathon Kats |

100th Day of School Celebration

At Hull Christian we have been 'Brewing Up Brilliance' for 100 Days and our 100th Day of School celebration was a sweet and memorable day! With the theme "100 Days of School; a Latte to Celebrate" paired with "100 Days Sweeter" featuring a donut twist, the fun was brewing all day long.

First through third graders were divided into groups named Iced Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Frappuccino. They rotated through classrooms, enjoying engaging activities to celebrate 100 days of learning. At lunch, every student received a special sweet treat—a delicious donut!

The day wrapped up in "The Grain House" (our gym), where students sipped hot chocolate and listened to teachers read books about the 100th day of school. Special thanks to Faye and Mandy from the Grain House for donating cups. It was a BREWtiful Day and on Monday, students and teachers were officially "Back to the Grind," ready for even more learning adventures!

