



HOME COMMUNICATOR

HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

May 12, 2009

Dear Parents:

Telling Bible stories is an important part of the curriculum at Hudsonville Christian School. Our children need to have biblical knowledge in order to live and serve well in our faith community. Yet parents and teachers realize that biblical knowledge is something entirely different from faith development. Both are necessary for our children to grow into mature Christians.

One of the practical outcomes of the CSI Re-Accreditation process that was conducted in March at HCS is a School Improvement Plan, which is still being developed. One goal of this School Improvement Plan will be the systematic development of faith nurture for our students. Several years ago I took a course in Faith Development. It was an opportunity to sit down with Christian educators in our area and discuss what we can do in our Christian schools to nurture spiritual growth in our students. We explored the various areas in our curriculum (besides Bible) in which intersections of faith and learning can occur. I learned that what a child learns about God in the years before kindergarten is vital to later faith development. Trust is the earliest of the developmental stages of faith. Babies learn to trust by being physically comfortable, receiving love and attention and knowing they are cherished for who they are. The building blocks for adult faith are strongly influenced by the presence of trust and hope. Here are some things that children need to learn between birth and the age of 5 in order to grow and develop well spiritually:

- Adults in their home, church, and school environment care about them.
- Adults can be trusted to care for them physically and emotionally.
- Children are valued and accepted as part of the church family.
- God loves and cares for us, and is with us wherever we go.
- God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to save us from our sins.
- God made people in a special way as a special part of His creation.
- We are all part of God's family.
- We need to care for God's creation.
- We all need to thank and praise God.
- We learn about God through telling, listening to, and re-telling faith stories and Bible stories.

What a positive, inspiring foundation for educating God's children at Hudsonville Christian! May we work together well as home and school to nurture young people to be spiritually secure and take their place effectively in the Kingdom.

Karen Ophoff, Elementary Principal

PRAYER CORNER

Continue to pray for seventh grader Rachel Koning who suffers from leukemia. Rachel will soon undergo a bone marrow transplant. Pray also for her fifth grade sister, Hannah, who will be the donor for this procedure.

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LATE START DAY WEDNESDAY SCHOOL STARTING AT 9:45

Tomorrow we will be having a late start day, with buses running two hours later. Before school the teachers will work on professional responsibilities such as updating the content, skills, and assessments on HCS curriculum maps. Elementary teachers are also meeting in grade levels to work on report cards so that they communicate valuable information to parents.

SPRING BAND CONCERT

The 4th – 8th grade bands will have their spring concert at Grace Community Church on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Students need to arrive by 7:10. The uniform will be black dress pants, white dress shirt, black dress shoes and black socks. Sixth grade band will wear their green HCS Band shirt.

COMBINED CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The final Choir and Orchestra program for the year will be on Tuesday evening, May 26 at Grace Community Church. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature our 6th – 8th choirs and the 4th – 8th orchestras.

HELP US RAISE \$2,000 AT DEGRAAF INTERIORS

Remember that through May 22 you can help raise up to \$2,000 for the HCS Tuition Assistance Program simply by visiting a local retailer. Stop by DeGraaf Interiors at 6450 28th Avenue and complete a simple three item scavenger hunt that takes just a few minutes. DeGraaf Interiors will donate \$10 to HCS, and if you turn in your answers before you leave you are entered into a drawing for \$200 of FREE flooring. One entry per household. Encourage your friends and family to stop by!

BAND PARENTS

Summer private lesson forms are being given to all band students (4th - 8th). If you are interested in lessons, please return the form to Mr. Knot by Friday, May 22.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

COLOR/DAY SCHEDULE

<u>May 13</u>	Adjusted Day	<u>May 18</u>	Blue
<u>May 14</u>	Yellow	<u>May 19</u>	Red
<u>May 15</u>	Green	<u>May 20</u>	Yellow

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch this week Wednesday will be cheese pizza, pretzels, Doritos, carrots, ranch dip, and orange sherbet.

POPCORN

Popcorn will be sold Friday morning for \$.25 a bag. Team #5 (Sheryl Bollo, Cathie Hunt, and Tracy Ridder) will be working.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR "GOOD TRY" GAMES

The "Good Try" Games are coming to HCS on Tuesday, June 2. for grades 1—5. Three volunteers are still needed to run events; the timeframe is 11:45 to 2:30. Please call the office to help.

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K ON SATURDAY

Come out this Saturday to Lakeshore Middle School in Grand Haven and support on your daughter, classmates, and students as the Girls on the Run girls run a 5K! Pep rally begins at 9:30 a.m.; race at 10 a.m. Call Tammy at 669-3416 with questions!

SECOND GRADE PARENTS

Does your child easily master classroom math, write for fun, or read above grade level? SOAR services will be available in third grade. SOAR is a program designed for students who easily master the goals of the classroom. Students receive additional instruction at their level with like ability peers in language arts and/or math. Students will be identified for the program on the basis of parent nomination and additional testing at HCS. Forms for the nomination of your child can be picked up at the school office. The forms are due by Thursday, May 21. Contact Sharon Leerar (sleerar@hudsonvillechristian.org or 662-1520) with any questions.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Preschool graduation will take place next week Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th at Hillcrest CRC beginning at 6:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch this week: Blimpie Subs for \$2.50 each, chips for \$.25, and Powerade/pop/water for \$.50. (Due to the late start morning hot lunch for 7/8 will be served at 12:15 p.m. and 6th grade at 12:40 p.m.)

DONUTS

Donuts will be on sale during morning break Friday, May 15 for \$.75 each. Donut volunteers are: Sharon Rotman, Janet Dekkinga, Michelle McAlary

CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

Friday, May 15: Annual Dedication Chapel

Tuesday, May 19: Honors Chapel

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HALL

Our after school study hall will have the final two sessions this week Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13. There will be no additional after school study halls for the remainder of the school year.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

Tuesday, May 12

3:45 p.m. 7/8 Girls AWAY at West Side Christian

4:00 p.m. 8th Boys HOME vs. West Side Christian

7/8 TRACK SCHEDULES

Tuesday, May 12

2:45 – 4:30 p.m. Practice

Thursday, May 14

2:45 – 4:30 p.m. Practice

Friday, May 15

4:00 p.m. 7/8 Track Meet at Grand Rapids Chr. H.S.

6TH GRADE TRACK

The 6th grade students participating in track will have one final practice from 3 – 4:30 p.m. this week Wednesday, May 13. A 6th grade track meet is set for Monday, May 18 beginning at 3 p.m. at our HCMS track.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Grand Rapids Area Christian Middle School Tennis Tournament takes place this week Saturday, May 16. Information on tournament pairings, times and locations will be handed out this week to the 7th and 8th grade students who have registered to play in the tournament.

8TH GRADE STUDENT SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

May 26 through May 29 are exam days and full days of school for your 8th grade students. The class trip to Cedar Point is Monday, June 1. We will be leaving from the middle school at 4:45 a.m. and returning at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 students will not be required to be in school. On Wednesday, June 3, students will have a breakfast at the multi-purpose room at Hillcrest CRC at 8 a.m. The 8th grade students will need to be picked up at the middle school at 11:30 a.m. Ask your 8th grade student for the detailed schedule that was sent home.

8TH GRADE PARENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Eighth grade parents should watch for information coming home regarding the 8th grade graduation breakfast and how you can help. If you have any questions on the information you receive, please call Amy Levering at 669-0213.

UNIFORMS/LIBRARY BOOKS

Parents, please take a few moments with your middle school student to check your homes for things that may need to be returned to school. Make sure that all team uniforms are washed and returned to school in the next couple of weeks. All middle school media center library books must be returned by May 22. Please make sure your son/daughter does not have any overdue books and/or fines due in the library.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

PIG-IN-THE-BLANKET MAKERS NEEDED

Three people are still needed to make pigs on Tuesday, May 19 from 8 - 11 a.m. Please call Mary Miedema (669-8856) if you can help.

MISSING FROM THE KITCHEN

We are missing some gray plastic rectangular "totes" from the kitchen at school. Please return them as soon as possible if you borrowed them.

FAIR UPDATE

We continue to finish calling for fair needs. Currently there are 40 open shifts to fill, 80 pies needed, and monetary donations still needed. Please call Mary at 669-8856, send in your fair form, or sign up on the banner by the elementary kitchen. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ART IN THE PARK — PUPPETS FOR CHRIST SHOW

Come see PFC, Puppets for Christ, perform at Art in the Park on Saturday, May 16 from 3 - 4 p.m. Fourteen students from Hudsonville Christian Middle School serve as the puppeteers. We will be in the new pavilion at Hughes Park. From 12 to 4 p.m. there will be art on display, handcrafted jewelry, Dr. Seuss story time, music, theatre, tumbling, and culinary arts food available for purchase. See flyer by the school office for more information.

UNITY CHRISTIAN SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Unity Christian High School summer camp registrations are due this Friday, May 15 to avoid a late fee. Information on the camps can be picked up at Unity or found at www.unitychristian.org.

UNITY CHRISTIAN SPIRIT STORE

The Unity Spirit Store will hold its year-end sale on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon in the south gym lobby area.

HUDSONVILLE YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

Hudsonville Youth Football will hold sign ups on Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m.—noon and Monday, July 27 from 6—9 p.m. at the Hudsonville High School cafeteria. Get more info and sign up online before August 3 at www.HudsonvilleYouthFootball.com.

AYSO SOCCER SIGN-UPS FOR 2009/2010

Registration will be at the Jenison Jr. High on May 14, 6 – 8:30 p.m. or May 16 from 12—3:30 p.m. Go to www.eayso.org under Region 676 to preregister players and volunteers. You must be between the ages of 4 and 18 years old as of July 31, 2009 to be eligible to play. If your child did not play last season, you will be required to bring a birth certificate or passport.

CLC FLOWER SALE

Visit the Christian Learning Center's annual Flower Sale on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the front driveway at Grandville Christian School, 3934 Wilson Ave. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund for Christian Special Education. For more information call CLC at 245-8388. CLC is also looking for volunteers to help with the flower sale; call Bev or Cathy at 245-8388 to help.

GUITAR LESSONS

Nate Krikke, a Unity graduate, is available for guitar lessons this summer. A half hour lesson is \$12; beginner to advanced students welcome. Call Nate at 889-6240 or 896-8729 for more info.

JAMESTOWN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Jamestown Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on May 25. The parade route will be from Jamestown Baptist Church, south on 24th Avenue to Riley, west on Riley to Riley Street Middle School. Welcomed parade entries include floats, antique cars and tractors, horses (judging 9-9:15 a.m.) and bicycles, rollerblades, walkers/walking floats (judging 9:15-9:30a.m.). Contact Sue at 896-8655 if you have any questions. Veterans are invited to ride on our veterans float — arrive by 9:45 a.m. at Jamestown Baptist Church. CELEBRATE! Community will follow the parade (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) at Jamestown Reformed Church, 2554 Riley Street. Food, games, & prizes; check out www.celebratejamestown.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

May 13	Late start — School begins at 9:45 a.m.	May 26-29	8th Grade Exams
May 18&19	Preschool Graduation, 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest CRC	June 1	8th Grade Class Trip to Cedar Point
May 19	4—8 Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church	June 3	8th Grade Graduation at Fair Haven Ministries
May 26	6/7/8 Choir and 4-8 Orch. Con. 7:30 at Grace	June 4	Last Day of School — Half Day