

June 1, 2010

Dear Parents:

Those who attended the band concert last week were treated to quite a show! It's not every day you have an opportunity to get up close and personal with Mr. Incredible! While many of us were amazed at his acting ability, we were even more impressed with our bands! They were excellent! Just two days previous to that concert we had an opportunity to view the orchestras and choirs who also treated us to an excellent performance of God's musical gifts as well! This week Thursday we will be recognizing 31 of our graduating 8th grade students for outstanding academic work throughout their three years at HCMS.

Why do I bring up all of these events? Simply because at each of these activities, these children will be surrounded by parents, peers and staff. The other night I commented on a conversation I had overheard at the first concert. One person was saying how he had been out three nights in a row viewing their grandchildren at events. At that moment someone else spoke up with the statement "*and it's a privilege isn't it?!*"

I was privileged to read a spiritual reflection the other day of a child who was new to our school in the last couple of years. The student commented that it was tough to come in new and it took time to adjust, but they went on to say that it was the best decision they ever made because they now feel included in a community. Support, inclusion, friends are all part of the pieces that are needed for a healthy community, whether it is for an individual student or a school community.

Let's give thanks for our children, and continue to celebrate their gifts by supporting them at the opportunities we have in our school community.

Dan Pott, Middle School Principal

Prayer Corner

- Continue to pray with those in our school community who suffer with cancer. Please see the information below regarding a prayer vigil for these individuals.
- Pray for students and teachers to focus well on their work/learning, and continue to build good relationships.

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to our school community for your magnificent support and turnout for Bob VanderLaan and for Christian education at the parade on Friday! A special word of thanks to Jim Hoyt, who handled the extra numbers for the chicken barbeque, providing an excellent lunch at a very reasonable price. Thanks again to all of you for your support!

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

Moms In Touch (MIT) will be holding a prayer vigil for those in our school community struggling with cancer. All are invited to participate as we lift up several parents who are suffering with this disease. This vigil will be held on June 3 at 9:30 a.m. at Tammy Rappuhn's home at 2007 Cory Drive in Hudsonville. For more information, please call Tammy at 669-3881 or email her at trenttammy@comcast.net.

THANK YOU TO GIRLS ON THE RUN GROUP

Thank you to the Girls On The Run group and their parents for giving the gift cards that will help us with our travels to and from Detroit for Pete's chemo treatments. You have been a blessing to our family! Peter and Jane Van Rijs

ENROLLMENT FOR 2010/2011

1. Mail-in registrations must be received by Monday, June 14.
2. If you are not enrolling by mail, Hudsonville Christian School will be having registration for the school year on Monday, June 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the library of the Oak Street building. Previous tuition commitments must be paid on or before this time. Your enrollment fee, applicable to the 2010/2011 tuition, is required at this time.
3. The June 14 registration is necessary for classroom assignment, student scheduling, and to complete student enrollment. Registration must be completed by June 14 for your child to be on a class list. These will be mailed to parents during the first week of August.

HCS GOLF OUTING

The Hudsonville Christian School Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 9 at Railside Golf Club in Byron Center. This golf outing supports our Tuition Assistance program. You are welcome to enter a twosome, a foursome, or you can help by sponsoring this event. Look for registration/sponsorship information coming home today! Questions? Contact Michelle DeGroot at the school office at 669-6689.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CLAY SHOOT

The HCS Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on Saturday, September 11 at Blendon Pines, starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds from this fun event go to tuition assistance needs at our school. The cost is \$75 for adults, \$50 for children 16 and under accompanied by an adult. Sponsors for this event are needed. Registration forms will be sent out soon, but you can contact Dean Haverdink at 662-4051 for more information about the event or available sponsorships.

TRIP NEWS

There will be a TRIP Information and Registration meeting on Monday, June 7 at 6:30 at the elementary school.

CENTRAL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The central office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the summer.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for grades PK—7, Thursday, June 10, will be a half day dismissing at 12 noon. Students should bring a snack to school, but not a lunch. Regular bus routes will be running on this day.

LOVE AND LOGIC CLASS AT HCS

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent? Would you like to have more fun parenting? Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day? Attend a seven-week parent training program designed by the Love and Logic Institute, Inc. entitled "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent: America's Most Practical and Entertaining Parent Training". You will find answers to the following questions:

- How do I get them out of bed in time to catch the school bus?
- How can I stop my children from bickering and fighting?
- How do I get my children to help with the chores without an argument?
- Is there a way to discipline my toddler in public without creating a scene?
- How can I get my teenage daughter to come home at the agreed-upon time?
- How do I get him to stop spitting his peas and whining at dinner?
- And many other day-to-day parenting challenges!

This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately! Love and Logic will be offered at HCS for seven weeks in October/November 2010. The cost will be \$15 per couple. Look for details in August's Home Communicator! Any questions? Call or email Sharon Leerar, Love and Logic facilitator at leerar@hotmail.com or 662-1520.

School Wide News (Continued)

NEW SCHOOL YEAR START DATE AND BUSING

Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 31. We will be offering limited busing on the first three days of school. Further information on this limited bus schedule will come home in a special Home Communicator in August.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

On Monday, August 30 we will be having an open house for students and parents to check out their classrooms and meet their teachers. The elementary and middle school open houses will be 5:30—7:30 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar.

OPENING DAY PRAYER MEETING

We will continue our tradition of having representatives from home, church, and school open the new school year with a prayer meeting. This will take place on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 31, at 8 a.m. in the elementary gym.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

COLOR/DAY SCHEDULE

June 2	Blue/Day 4	June 7	Green/Day 3
June 3	Red/Day 1	June 8	Blue/Day 4
June 4	Yellow/Day 2	June 9	Red/Day 1

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch tomorrow will be cheese pizza, assorted chips, fruit cup, and ice cream sandwiches.

COOKIES FOR KENYA

On Friday morning we will be selling chocolate chip cookies to support our partnership with Plateau School in Kenya. Cookies will be \$.25 a piece.

YEARBOOK SIGNING RECESS

Students in the elementary school will have a special opportunity tomorrow to have their HCS yearbooks signed by the teachers during a joint long recess. Please remind your PK - 5th grade students to bring their yearbooks to school tomorrow!

LOST AND FOUND

The bins by the elementary gym are full of lost items. Please check out the bins and hanging items to see if they may belong to your child.

THUMBS UP FOR WALKING!

Our five week walking program in grades 1 and 2 has ended. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who punched cards and handed out tokens. Congratulations to Mrs. DeVries' and Mrs. DeWeerd's classes for walking the most miles. The 25 Mile Club included David Landstra, Carter Grasman, Michael Lanninga, Thatcher Heemstra, and Austin Widner. Thank you to the Ottawa County Health Department for organizing the program for HCS.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

HOT LUNCH

There is NO hot lunch this week Wednesday.

CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

Thursday, June 3: Mr. Pott leads the end of the year chapel and our 8th grade student academic honors recognition ceremony. Parents with students to be recognized received an invitation letter to this chapel, but all are welcome to attend this final chapel of the year.

7TH GRADE FIELD TRIPS/STEWARDSHIP UNIT

Our 7th grade ends the year with a Stewardship Unit. Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 2 the 7A and 7C homerooms will be going to the Waste to Energy Plant, the Resource Recovery Center and the John Ball Zoo. On Friday, June 4, the 7B and 7D homerooms will be going on the same trip. **Students need to wear tennis shoes and bring money for lunch at Burger King.** For more information, please check the parent letter that all 7th grade students received last week Thursday.

SIXTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT

The sixth graders will be serving at various agencies in downtown Grand Rapids on Tuesday, June 8, to wrap up their justice unit. We are still in need of parents to supervise small groups. Contact your child's teacher if you can help out. It should be a great day!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

June 2	Elementary Yearbook Signing, 10:15—10:45	August 30	Elementary and Middle School Open House 5:30—7 p.m.
June 7	8th Grade Class Trip	August 31	First Day of School
June 9	8th Grade Graduation	August 31	Opening Day Prayer Meeting, Elem. Gym
June 10	Last Day of School; dismissal at noon		

Middle School News (Continued)

LOST AND FOUND TABLES

Tables are piled high with lost items – the items could belong to your son or daughter! Please remind them to browse through the items or, parents, stop by the school to locate any missing items. All items still left at school on June 25 will be donated to a local charity.

UNIFORMS/LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check with your son/daughter to be sure they have returned all team uniforms, band shirts, music that belongs to school and any other items due before the end of the year. Please check with your student to be sure all overdue books and/or library fines have been returned and paid to the library.

6th GRADE TRACK

A HCMS 6th grade track meet is scheduled at Grand Rapids Christian High School on Friday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. This meet is with other league 6th grade middle school students.

7/8 TRACK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 2

4:00 p.m. 7/8 Track Prelims at Grand Rapids Christian High School

Thursday, June 3

7/8 Track Finals at Grand Rapids Christian High School

Field events begin at 2:00 p.m.

Running events begin at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Admission Cost is \$5.00/family or \$1.00/individual.

Concession stand will be open.

8th GRADE STUDENT SCHEDULE

- June 1 – 4, are Journey Project and exam days and full days of school for students.
- Monday, June 7 is the class trip day. We will meet and begin our day at school at 7:50 a.m. Parents must pick students up at school at 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 8 there will be **NO school for 8th grade students.** Wednesday, June 9 8th grade students will begin school as normal at 7:50 a.m. Students will be bussed to Fair Haven for graduation practice. Eighth grade students will need to be picked up at the middle school at 11:00 a.m. Ask your 8th grade student for the detailed schedule that was distributed.

8th GRADE GRADUATION

The graduation ceremony takes place at Fair Haven Ministries on Baldwin and 28th Avenue at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2009. Students should plan to be to the church by 7:00 p.m. Students should come back to the middle school to board busses that will leave for their graduation celebration at The Visser YMCA in Grandville at 10:00 p.m. sharp. Parents, please pick your son/daughter up at the middle school parking lot at 12:50 a.m.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

COMING THIS FALL!

We are excited to be bringing Market Day to HCS! Starting in October, you can purchase groceries that are high quality, nutritious, affordable, and delicious! HCS will automatically get 10 percent back on all purchases. Through personal experience with these products, we can say that we absolutely love everything about Market Day! Watch for more details in the future, and call Holly Postma at 669-5131 or Cathy Dykstra at 662-5443 with any questions or to ask us what our favorite products are. Sample order forms are located in the elementary office for you to come and check out!

SUB AND COOKIE DOUGH SALE COMMITTEE

Sub & Cookie Dough Sale looking for two to three new committee members. Please see letter coming home today explaining responsibilities. This really is an easy sale and is very flexible with any schedule. Contact Suzanne Koop at 669-9886 or email her at s.koop@sbcglobal.net with questions or to join.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ELEMENTARY CAMP OUT!

The Hospitality Committee will be hosting a camp out for elementary students and their families at school on Friday, September 17. Mark this date on your calendars and be ready to enjoy a time of fun and fellowship together! More details to come!

COOKING OIL

Are you interested in cooking oil to use as bear bait or for bio- diesel fuel? Contact Mary Miedema NOW at 669-8856 to reserve a supply for yourself to be picked up after the fair. The oil would be available for pick up August 26 and August 30.