

**June 8, 2010**

Dear Parents:

THANK YOU! My wife, Marsha, and I and our family were overwhelmed with the wonderful parade, picnic, and recognition of my service to Hudsonville Christian School. How many people get to have a parade when they retire? WOW, what a fun time. I wish to thank the students and staff for their creativity and clever ideas to remember various aspects of my career at HCS. Well done, it was fun for me to observe. I especially want to thank Karen Ophoff and the committee who orchestrated all of these celebrative events. Thank you!

Parades at HCS are a tradition; they are festive and help celebrate and recognize the work and commitment of our retirees – so thank you for that. Most importantly, I thought the parade and picnic show what the Hudsonville Christian School community is all about – great participation, everyone doing their part, tremendous support for staff and students. You're incredible!

Thank you to each of you who wrote a card and for the kind and generous comments on them. Thanks, too, for the many gift cards to over 25 places of business! What fun we will have. Most of all, thank you for who you are and the way you have encouraged me and all of us at HCS. Thank you for the privilege of being involved in the lives of families and children for so many years. I have enjoyed coming to work every day of my career, and God has provided me with many, many blessings during my time at HCS. I am grateful for God's leading in my life. I encourage you to continue to pray for and support the school in the days and years ahead and I will continue to pray for HCS, our students, staff and families.

Thanks for the privilege of serving God and His children at HCS!

Serving Christ together,

Bob Vander Laan, Administrative Principal

**Prayer Corner**

- Pray for a wonderful summer for our students, staff, and their families as they enjoy many different summer activities. Pray for safety for families and staff members in their summer travels.
- Remember this summer the parents in our school community who suffer with cancer, as they continue to undergo their treatments and make important decisions about their care

**SCHOOL WIDE NEWS**

**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.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

If you have not yet enrolled your child(ren) due to financial reasons, you are encouraged to contact Bob Vander Laan (669-6689) to discuss tuition assistance.

**HCS GOLF OUTING**

The Hudsonville Christian School Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 9 at Rainside 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. Registration/sponsorship information is available by the school offices or on our school website at [www.hudsonvillechristian.org](http://www.hudsonvillechristian.org). Have questions? Contact Michelle DeGroot at the school office at 669-6689.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

The last day of school for grades PK—7 will be Thursday, June 10. This will be a half day dismissing at 12 noon, with the exception of the PK and a.m. kindergarten classes that will dismiss at their normal 11 a.m. time. Students should bring a snack to school, but not a lunch. Regular bus routes will be running on this day.

**CENTRAL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

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

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS**

Coming home today is a school supply shopping list to help you get a head start over the summer. If you misplace your sheet, please check the website.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**PIZZA LUNCH FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW**

Tomorrow, June 9, elementary students will be treated to a pizza party for lunch, thanks to the generosity of one of our parents. This will be for all K - 5 students who are scheduled to be in the building from 11:30 - 12:30. Each student will receive one large piece of pizza, chips, a popsicle, and milk will be provided as usual.

**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. Items not claimed will be donated when school is out.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**VOLUNTEER THANK YOU!**

The middle school staff thanks all the moms and dads who volunteered to help out at school this year for many and various outings, teacher aiding, serving hot lunch, selling doughnuts, transportation, room mothers, field trips, *Moms In Touch* prayer support...and we could go on and on! Thanks to each and every one of you...your help is truly appreciated and valuable to us!

**8th GRADE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL**

On Wednesday morning, June 9, 8th students will come to school as normal and will be bussed over for graduation practice at Fair Haven Ministries. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be brought back to the middle school after this practice and will need to be picked up by parents at an 11:00 a.m. dismissal time.

**8th GRADE GRADUATION**

The graduation ceremony takes place at Fair Haven Ministries on Baldwin and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, June 9. Students should be to the church by 7:00 p.m. Busses will leave for the student graduation celebration at The Visser Family YMCA in Grandville at 10:00 p.m. sharp from the middle school. Parents, please pick your son/daughter up at the middle school parking lot at 12:50 a.m.

**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. Items are kept at school for two weeks after the final day school is in session. All items still left at school on June 25 will be donated to a local charity.

**Middle School News (Continued)**

**UNIFORMS/LIBRARY BOOKS**

Please check with your son/daughter to be sure they have returned all team uniforms, band shirts, band or orchestra music or anything else that belongs to school or 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.

**CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS**

The Cartridges for Kids Recycling program continues through the summer months at the middle school. Don't throw away those ink jet or laser cartridges! Bring them to the middle school so that they can be recycled. The collection boxes are near the office. Proceeds are designated for the library media center.

**ORIENTATION NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 16**

Mark your calendars for the middle school orientation night on September 16. This night is a very valuable opportunity for parents to receive important middle school information and to meet the staff for your child(s) grade level. Specific information will be published in the fall. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

**PARENTS' CLUB NEWS**

**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](mailto:s.koop@sbcglobal.net) with questions or to join.

**PARENTS' CLUB CHRONICLE**

Check out the latest edition of the *Parent's Club Chronicle* coming home today! Some volunteers are needed—please prayerfully consider if you can fill one of those open positions. Thank you!

**PIG-IN-THE-BLANKETS**

Pigs are still available in the kitchen freezer for \$7.00 a dozen to be paid at the time of pick up. These are the last pigs of the school year, so get them while you can!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Anticipating that Unity will open a resale store in the Hudsonville/Jenison area this fall 2010, Unity is inviting inquiries and applications for part-time positions of store manager and assistant store manager. Please call Unity's Development Office at 616-662-4011 for more information and an application. While applications will be accepted until the positions are filled, screening of applications will begin June 18.

**CLC NETWORK GOLF OUTING**

CLC Network's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, July 12 at The Highlands Golf Course on Leonard, NW, Grand Rapids. We are still seeking additional sponsors and teams. We invite you to join us for this fun event to support CLC Network services for people with disabilities and unique learning challenges. Call Bev or Cathy at 616-245-8388 for more information or register online at [clcnetwork.org](http://clcnetwork.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

June 9	8th Grade Graduation	August 31	First Day of School
June 10	Last Day of School; dismissal at noon	August 31	Opening Day Prayer Meeting, Elem. Gym 8 a.m.
August 30	Elementary and Middle School Open House 5:30—7:30 p.m.	Aug. 31-Sept. 2	Limited Busing