



HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

HOME COMMUNICATOR

Proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all spheres of life and learning.

October 31, 2006

Dear Parents:

"in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..." (Colossians 1:10)

As we explore the meaning of our theme "Living Well" as staff and students, another critical component is to communicate. In this fast-paced, pack-it-all-in society we live in, communication has never been more important and some might say it has never been easier. With the current flooding of the market with cell phones and the instant accessibility of instant messaging, email, and a host of other things, we can communicate almost instantly!

As with almost everything, the introduction of new things always has two sides. While we communicate almost instantaneously, we often lose the benefits of genuine communication. Sometimes the cold and emotionless computer message just doesn't cut it. In fact, I have seen countless times where it can be misunderstood or even hurtful. Let us all not lose sight of the value of genuine communication from time to time; the kind of communication that can only take place across a dinner table or in the family room.

As a school, we value communication as well and we look forward to the opportunity to sit down with you in a couple weeks to partner with you during conference time. As a family, as a staff, or as a community of believers, real communication can make the difference between frustration and misunderstandings or having "everyone on the same page" as the saying goes.

Dan Pott, Middle School Principal

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Thank you to all of our volunteers and helpers who made Grandparents' Day such a success this past Friday. Our students and teachers had a great day visiting with grandparents here at our school.

TRIP REGISTRATION MEETING

The next TRIP registration meeting will be Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m. at the elementary school.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will go home with students in grades 1-8 on Friday, November 3. Parents, please look them over, sign, and return them to your child's teacher/homeroom teacher.

FOOD DRIVES

There will be opportunities for contributions to community food drives in the next several weeks. Please look for a flyer coming home soon with information on these opportunities.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

COLOR/DAY SCHEDULE

<u>Nov. 1</u>	Orange/Day 2	<u>Nov. 6</u>	Blue/Day 5
<u>Nov. 2</u>	Yellow/Day 3	<u>Nov. 7</u>	Red/Day 1
<u>Nov. 3</u>	Green/Day 4	<u>Nov. 8</u>	Orange/Day 2

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch on Wednesday will be Arby's chicken fingers, Cool Ranch Doritos, potato chips, strawberry yogurt, and vanilla ice cream cups.

POPCORN

Popcorn will be sold on Friday morning for \$.25 per bag. Team #4 (Arenda VanKlompberg, Margo Rhoderick, and Nancy Rykse) will be working.

"A TO G, MUSIC FROM ME!"

Please come and enjoy the songs and activities which your child has been learning in music class. Every week we have celebrated one letter from the alphabet through listening to classical music, playing percussion instruments, and, of course, praising God with hymns. This mini-concert will take place in the music room during our normally scheduled class so you can better understand how our music brings praise to God and enjoyment for others.

PM class — Wednesday, November 8 from 12:15 - 12:35 p.m.

AM class — Friday, November 10 from 10:20 - 10:40 a.m.

NOTEWORTHY ANNOUNCEMENT!

We invite you and your family to visit the music room so we can share our music curriculum with you instead of a traditional report card. We call it an "informance" rather than a program or performance because it is an informal yet informative typical music lesson. Please come if time permits to see your child's participation and skill level. Hope to see you there!

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Plaisier — Monday, November 6, 1:00 - 1:25 p.m.

Miss Klein PM — Monday, November 6, 2:00 - 2:25 p.m.

Mrs. Postma — Wednesday, November 8, 1:00-1:25 p.m.

Miss Klein AM — Friday, November 10, 9:05-9:30 a.m.

First Grade — All times are from 1:55 - 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Doll — Tuesday, November 7

Mrs. Wiechel — Wednesday, November 8

Mrs. Fondse — Thursday, November 9

Miss Bruinsma — Friday, November 10

5TH GRADE ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Parents, please join the 5th grade orchestra for a fall music kickoff in the elementary gym this Friday, November 3, at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

SPECIAL CLASS CONFERENCE TIMES

During evening conferences the specials teachers will be available the following dates:

- Mr. DeJonge (physical education) —
- Mrs. Hager (music) —
- Mrs. Rusticus (art) —
- Mrs. Strabbing (library) —

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

HOT LUNCH this week is Little Caesars Italian breadsticks \$1.50/4, PowerAde/pop \$.50 and chips \$.25.

CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

Friday, November 3: Praise Team Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 7: Mr. Strabbing's 8B homeroom leads chapel

ACT TESTING

Parents interested in ACT testing for their student can stop by the middle school office to pick up an information packet. All those interested in the PATH program at Hope College must take the ACT test to be considered for acceptance into PATH.

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HALL

After School Study Hall is an opportunity for 6th – 8th grade students to stay after school and work on homework in a supervised study hall. There will be a teacher present; however, it will not be a one-on-one tutoring time. The after school study hall will begin at the middle school on Tuesday, November 7. The study hall will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the library. Students must plan to stay the entire hour if they choose to stay for the study hall period. Please have rides home available at the

end of the period. If you have questions, please call the middle school office.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The following middle school staff will be available in their classrooms during conferences ONLY on the evenings noted:

Thursday, November 9 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Edie Heerspink (6/7/8th Art)

Mrs. Sara Jager (6/7/8th Orchestra Director)

Mrs. Linda LeMahieu (Media Specialist)

Mr. Dan Los (6/7/8th Physical Education)

Miss Jess Medema (6/7/8th Music and Choir, 6th Computer)

Mrs. Jackie Roskamp (7th Skills/Short Story/8th Communications)

Mr. Dave Van Noord (6/7/8th Computer Education, Counselor)

Tuesday, November 14 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mr. David Kolmodin (7/8th Band)

Mrs. Linda LeMahieu (Media Specialist)

Mr. Dan Los (6/7/8th Physical Education)

Miss Jess Medema (6/7/8th Music and Choir, 6th Computer)

Mrs. Mary Prins (7/8th Girls Physical Education)

Mr. Dave Van Noord (6/7/8th Computer Education, Counselor)

Thursday, November 16 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Edie Heerspink (6/7/8th Art)

Miss Jess Medema (6/7/8th Music and Choir, 6th Computer)

Mrs. Jackie Roskamp (7th Skills/Short Story/8th Communications)

If you need or wish to speak with Mr. Les Knot (6th Band Director), please feel free to call him at 669-3450.

LOST AND FOUND TABLES

Lost and found tables will be set up during conferences by the middle school office. Parents, please check over the piles for any missing items.

8TH GRADE PARENT CONFERENCE REMINDER

Eighth grade parents please remember conferences for your 8th grade student are not scheduled. The 8th grade teachers will be available in the middle school North Gym from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on all conference evenings to meet with you. Please stop in to see them.

STUDENTS STAYING AFTER SCHOOL

A reminder that students staying after school for a late basketball practice must take along study material to a classroom that we will designate for them. They are expected to remain at school at all times after the school day ends. If a student wishes to go home to a friend's house, a written note from each parent must be given to the office in advance. Anyone who does not cooperate will be sent home. These guidelines are put in practice to help protect our students.

SWIM MEET

We have almost 30 students signed up for our swim team! Hudsonville Christian Middle School will compete in the league swim meet at Ottawa Hills High School on Saturday, November 18. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the meet will begin at 9:00 a.m. A bus will transport students to and from the meet. A letter from the coach will be coming home with more specific times and information.

BASKETBALL

8th Grade Basketball tryouts for boys and girls begin tomorrow and continue on Thursday. Tryouts are from 2:45 – 5:00 p.m. each day. Students who make the squad will have their first practice on Monday, November 6. Schedules will be handed out on Friday, November 3.

7th Grade Basketball practices for boys and girls will begin on November 8. Practices will be from 2:45 – 4:30 p.m. Students will be given schedules once team placements have been made.

BASKETBALL AT HCMS

This year after meeting with interested students and reviewing signups from last spring, we have decided that we will be having two 8th grade boys' basketball teams competing in our Grand Rapids Area Christian Middle School Athletic League. The intent of the two separate boys' teams will be to create two equal teams. There will be one girls' team, as we have had in the past. All three of these teams will play a full schedule of league opponents and will practice separately, much the same way we did for our two 8th grade girl's volleyball teams last year. In 7th grade basketball there will be enough interest to support two boys' teams and one girls' team. We are committed to our policy of "no cuts" at the 7th grade level.

We continue to focus on what we believe is best for the student athlete while continuing to abide by the policies and guidelines in place in our Christian Middle School Athletic League. In order to accommodate the eight boys' basketball teams and six girls' teams in our league, you will notice that the schedule of games will be different than it has been in the past. Please check the game times, locations, and opponents carefully. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give Mr. Pott a call at 669-7487 in the middle school office.

SIXTH GRADE PROJECT NEED

The 6th Grade could use Section B of the Sunday, October 29 *Grand Rapids Press* for our Africa study. We are also in need of white fabric of any size and old magazines for various projects that we do. Thank you!

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

PARENTS' CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to all the parents and school board members who attended our meeting this past week. We had a great turnout. We could not be successful without your participation and input! Congratulations to all of our prize winners, and we look forward to seeing you all in the spring!

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA KITS

Order forms for pizza kits are due back to school tomorrow, November 1. The pick up date will be Monday, November 13 from 6:30—8 p.m. Please feel free to contact Michelle DeGroot with any questions at 896-0228.

AUCTION NEEDS

We are still in need of 18 callers/runners. Please call ASAP to help us out — Toni Lutke at 669-4008 or Sharon Rotman at 896-7685.

KOEZE NUTS AND CHOCOLATES

The holidays are just around the corner so start thinking about who is on your Christmas list that might enjoy delicious nuts and chocolates. Look for the Koeze catalog coming home in just a few weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

November 3	Report Cards Sent Home	December 1	6th Grade Medieval Festival
November 6	TRIP Registration Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	December 4-8	M.S. SEW (Spiritual Emphasis Week)
Nov. 9, 14, 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences	December 8	Love Bazaar
November 17	No School for Preschool—8th grade	December 18	M.S. Christmas Program
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Break	December 21	Christmas break begins
November 30	6-8 Skating Party, 6:10—9:30 p.m.	January 3	Classes resume