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HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CHALLENGING MINDS AND LIVES FOR CHRIST



May 11, 2020

As we turn our calendars to May and Michigan weather starts to warm ever so slowly, we look forward to the end of the school year but also remember the things that happened over the past year.

As the middle school principal, one of the exciting ways to end the year is the 8th grade graduation. (This is not a letter explaining what that will be for this year... that will come very soon, I promise.) For 8th graders, these thoughts and emotions are especially true as they are at the end of their education at Hudsonville Christian. I know as we draw closer to the end of this academic year it is not the way any of us had it planned. But it is important we reflect on the 9+ years of education each student is completing. Remembering back on the multitude of growth with their academics, athletics, fine arts, clubs, friendships, emotions, and spiritual journey. Thinking about the countless memories both uplifting and positive, but also challenging and difficult. In this year alone we have had many changes and challenges, but I know full well that through it all, these 8th graders and many more, have lived out our theme for this year. As it says in our theme verse "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58 This was not only a verse the 8th graders memorized, but one they lived out over and over again throughout the year.

We also look forward to wherever the 8th graders may go or whatever God has planned for them. Feelings of excitement mix with anxiousness as we wonder what high school may bring. Our prayer for them is that they take the lessons learned, and the relationships built here at HCS, to go and move mountains, proclaiming the love of Christ our Savior with everyone and in every way. Display a God first, me second attitude that is not often seen in our society, and always remember:

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

In Christ,

Justin Knot
Middle School Principal

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

Enrollment for 2020 - 2021 - Planning is underway for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Although we do not yet know the details of what it will look like, school will be in session next fall! A reminder to complete and return all enrollment forms to the central office in the elementary building. They were due Friday, May 1. It is very important and helpful that enrollment forms are turned in before the end of May. If you have misplaced your forms, please contact the Admin. office (669-6689) to request another set. Thank you!

Remote Learning - You will find school wide updates, grade level lessons and other resources to continue remote learning on our [school website](#).

School Building Access - The outer lobby of the central office is unlocked from 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The central office in the elementary building is open M-F from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For hours at the Middle School, please call.

1. Parents may come to school to pick up work packets (both for elementary AND middle school) provided you have been notified by teachers that packets are available - NOT all teachers provided work packets.
2. Work packets (both for elementary AND middle school) are in the outer lobby of the central office in the elementary building. They will be labeled with the teacher's name and grade.
3. Parents will not be allowed into the rest of the building.
4. Parents may not bring children with them into the outer lobby.
5. Strict adherence to the social/physical distancing is expected; this is not a time to reconnect and socialize.
6. If you have health concerns, are at risk, have been around people who may be exhibiting symptoms, and/or not feeling well, please wear a mask.

IF you absolutely need something in order for your child/children to complete school work, please email the school and we will make arrangements.

2020-2021 HCS Theme T-Shirts - Each year students in 3 School - 5th Grade receive a t-shirt to wear for field trips, chapels and other activities. Middle School students are given the option to order one free of charge. Parents, if you want to order a Theme T-shirt for yourself, there is a cost of \$5.00 each. To order a 2020-2021 HCS Theme T-Shirt for a middle school student or parent, fill out this [form](#) by May 29.

TRIP On Demand (TOD)

- Email your TOD order to triphcs@4hcs.org
- TOD orders will be filled at 10:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays
- You will receive an email confirmation when your order is ready for pick up
- Pick up TOD orders from administrative office from 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday
- Please have your check ready upon arrival
- TOD orders remaining after 7 days will be considered abandoned and returned to inventory.

Online Orders (ShopWithScrip.com)

- Deadline for ordering is 11:59pm Sunday
- Orders will be available for pick up by 9:00am on Wednesday
- Pick up Online orders from administrative office from 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday

Scheduled Orders (green paper form)

- Drop off by 3:00pm on Friday or email order to triphcs@4hcs.org
- Orders will be available for pick up by 9:00am on Wednesday
- Pick up orders from administrative office from 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday

When entering the building for TRIP pick up:

- Strict adherence to the social/physical distancing is expected
- If you have health concerns, are at risk, have been around people who may be exhibiting symptoms, and/or not feeling well, please wear a mask.

Pop Can Drive - THANK YOU for the overwhelming support on our pop can return project. The trailer is full so we can't accept any more returnables at this time!

Summer Hiking Trips - Mr. Schnyders had planned on offering two hikes this summer. One to Manistee and another to the U.P. The Manistee hike was scheduled for June 25-27 and the U.P. hike was scheduled for July 15-18. At this time he is still waiting to find out where we stand after May 28. Stay tuned for further updates.

Free Meals for all Ottawa Area Students - [This link](#) will take you to a page listing the school district sites where meals can be obtained. This link is updated on a regular basis. If you don't need to take advantage of this offer but know someone who does, please pass along the information. **You can also get groceries from Love INC. [Access this link to find the emergency food pantry locations and times they are operating.](#)**

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Kids' Corner Enrollment is Now Open for the 2020-2021 School Year! - [Forms](#) are available in the main office or you can sign up online using this form: [Kids' Corner Enrollment Form](#). Sign up soon to ensure availability! If you have any questions, email Julie Moes at jmoes@4hcs.org or kidscorner@4hcs.org.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Assessment/Report Cards - Elementary (3 School - 5th grade) report cards will be available on RenWeb on Friday, June 5. Students will receive credit for their participation in the 3rd and 4th quarters of the school year. Teachers will write a

narrative paragraph in the final report card to summarize your child's progress. As usual, parents will receive an email when their child's report card is available to be viewed on RenWeb.

Summer Tutoring - A list of available teachers can be found [on our website](#).

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 6 and Grade 7 Parents - If you have **NOT already done so**, please take a moment to check your email and use the link to sign up your child for music programs for the 2020/2021 school year. The middle school office must have this information for scheduling. Thank you to everyone who has already completed this form!

Report Cards - Middle school report cards will be available on RenWeb on Friday, June 5. Parents will receive an email when their child's report card is available to be viewed on RenWeb. As a reminder from our previous communication the middle school will be using the following grading scale for this quarter of work. (These grades will be for any Math, Science, Bible, Language Arts, Social Studies, Spanish, and Decisions class- all other classes will be giving comments for this quarter)

A 90%-100%

B 80%-89%

C 70%-79%

N/A 0-69%- Teachers will pass this work back and ask for it to be resubmitted to produce higher quality. The teacher and support staff will work with the student to improve the quality through specific feedback.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

Parent Volunteers are Valuable! - We are asking all of our 400+ HCS families to prayerfully consider where and how you can volunteer to bless the HCS community. Volunteering not only helps our school, but it helps families get to know one another and creates a sense of family within our school community! The [Volunteer Catalog](#) outlines the volunteer positions available for the 2020-2021 school year. Please take a moment to read through the catalog. [Click here for a document listing the Sign-Up Genius Volunteer links](#).

- All volunteer sign-ups will be done via Sign-Up Genius.
- Families enrolling children in Grades 1 - 8 are expected to volunteer for a minimum of 25 points from any combination of the School Volunteer Forms as well as 5 points from the Fair Volunteer Form. For single parent households, the expectation is to volunteer a minimum of 10 points from the School Volunteer Forms as well as 5 points from the Fair Volunteer Form.
- Families enrolling children in Young 5s and Kindergarten are expected to contribute 5 points from the Fair Volunteer Form and 5 points from the School Volunteer forms.
- Families enrolling children in 3 School and 4 School are exempt from these volunteer expectations, but we do encourage you to get involved. Volunteering is a great way to meet other HCS families and learn more about our school!
- All volunteers who work with children will be required to submit to a child safety screening process.
- NEW THIS YEAR-Families (adults and high school students) volunteering for more than 5 Fair Volunteer Form points may apply the additional points toward their 25 School Volunteer Forms points.
- After prayerful consideration, please sign up for your 5 Fair Volunteer Form points as well as 25 School Volunteer Forms points by JUNE 7. Be sure to include your e-mail address on the sign-up form so that you are credited for the amount of points and so that leaders and coordinators may contact you with additional information regarding your volunteer position

Room Parents Needed for Next Year - Are you interested in volunteering in your child's classroom? Consider being a Room Parent! Room Parents communicate with classroom parents and new families, plan class parties, help with field trips, help with Teacher Appreciation Week and serve the assigned teacher with their specific volunteer needs. For consideration, please fill out the [Room Parent Volunteer Form](#) 2020-2021 School Year. Room Parents will be assigned over the summer and you will be notified via email if you are selected.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Calvin Soccer Camp - The Calvin Soccer Camp offers an exceptional camp experience for every participant and is designed for players of various ages and ability levels. The Day Camp will run June 15-19 and the Elite Camps will run July 11-14 & July 15-18. For more information and to enroll online, visit www.calvinsoccercamp.com.

Hope College Summer Science Camps - Join us for another exciting summer of camps! Summer Science Camps started over 20 years ago with Tod Gugino's dream of sharing the love for science. ExploreHope provides innovative, fun-filled educational camps for grades K-12. For more information visit hope.edu/explore.

****CALENDAR - See email sent on 4/28/2020 for details**

May 21	Ascension Day
May 22	Last day of remote learning
May 25	Memorial Day
May 26 - 29	End of year wrap-up
June 1-4	End of year activities - to be determined by social distancing guidelines in place at this time
June 5	Report Cards Posted

QUICK LINKS

- [Kids' Corner Handbook](#)
- [Preschool \(3School/4School/NB 4School\) Handbook](#)
- [Middle School Handbook](#)
- [HCS Parent Handbook](#)
- [Summer Tutors](#)
- [2020-2021 Room Parent Volunteer Form](#)
- [Kids' Corner Mail-In Enrollment Form 2020-2021](#)
- [Kids' Corner Online Enrollment Form 2020-2021](#)
- [Parents' Club Volunteer Catalog](#)
- [Parents' Club Sign-Up Genius Volunteer Links](#)
- [2020-2021 Theme T- Shirt Order Form - Parents and MS Students Only](#)