



June 1, 2021 - **“...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”**

What a difference a year makes. A year ago we were ‘virtually’ ending a school year and a time of uncertainty; now we are nearing the end of a full school year of in-person instruction.

At the beginning of this school year, we were blessed to start the school year in person. Not knowing how things would go, we prayed boldly we would be able to remain in school at least until the middle of October. By that time teachers would have been able to build relationships with their students and also build community among their students. We were able to frontload the technology skills needed for quality remote learning. God blessed us and we remained in school.

We then prayed boldly to remain in person for Parent/Teacher conferences and until Thanksgiving break. God blessed us and we remained in school.

We prayed boldly we would remain in person until Christmas break; God blessed us and we remained in school.

Again, we prayed boldly we would remain in person until Spring break. God blessed us and we remained in school.

And now, we are nearing the end of a full school year of in-person instruction. This has been a year of being open and faithful to God’s plan during a time when it has been challenging to do so. And in doing so, God has abundantly provided and blessed us.

God’s grace and presence have been evident by the tremendous support from so many: parents, students, staff, the School Board, the other parent groups who support the mission of HCS, the larger HCS community, and the other supporters of Hudsonville Christian.

A special thank-you to Tricia Kiepert and Justin Knot. I know from personal experience how much time and energy and heart is given to being a building principal. They both are excellent at what they do and are tremendous Christian leaders with hearts dedicated to Christian Education. I have been both blessed and humbled to be a part of the HCS leadership team with them.

Thanks as well to all the HCS teachers and staff. They have always been hard workers and this year was not an exception. They have come to school every day excited for the opportunity to educate their students, to shepherd them in the development of their walk with Jesus - to challenge minds and lives for Christ.

Lastly, thank you, parents, for all your support this school year. I will continue to pray for you and your children. They are so precious and we are honored to work with you to raise them as disciples of Christ.

It has been a privilege, honor, and blessing to have spent the last 11 of my 41 years in Christian Education at Hudsonville Christian. I have thanked God many times for bringing me to HCS. I pray that I fulfilled His purpose for me during the time spent at HCS and honored Him in doing so.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in my roles at HCS as a middle school principal and as an interim superintendent. I will forever be grateful for your support, encouragement, patience, and prayers. Hudsonville Christian School - students, staff, parents, and the greater community - will always have a special place in my heart. I pray that HCS will continue to carry out its mission and vision while remaining a school firmly grounded in His Word teaching Biblical truths to students so they develop as disciples equipped to do His kingdom work.

Please continue to be united as one body in Him; to be that light on a hill, to be the strong community that makes HCS special. **“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.”** Acts 20:28 NIV In everything we know that God is always faithful; God sustains; God is sovereign.

With deep gratitude, appreciation, and thanksgiving,



Mary Broene  
Interim Superintendent

***“I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”***

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9 NIV*

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

### **From the School Board - Ending the School Year in Praise, Prayer, and Unity in Mission**

Please look for an email from the School Board and leadership team sharing praise items, prayer items, and reaffirming the mission and vision of HCS. This email will be sent this week!

Sunday, June 6 @ 1:00 p.m. - We will have a special opportunity to join together in prayer on Sunday, June 6 at 1:00 pm. It has been a long time since we have been able to do this! All Parents, Students, and Staff are welcome for a time of corporate prayer and worship.

We will gather on the west soccer field on the corner of Lincoln and Hillcrest, north of the elementary school west gym. There will be opportunities for sharing prayers and some simple community worship. Please contact Fig VanderMolen if you have any questions about this event contact Fig VanderMolen- [fvandermolen@4hcs.org](mailto:fvandermolen@4hcs.org).

### **Last Day of School**

The last day of school for grades Y5-7 will be Thursday, June 10. It will be a full day dismissing at normal time.

### **Summer Office Hours**

The administrative office at the elementary school will be open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM this summer. The middle school office does not have set summer hours so please give that office a call before you stop by.

### **School Shopping Lists for the 2021-2022 School Year**

The list showing supplies that are needed for students in Y5-5th grade for next year is available on our [website](#).

### **Save These Dates**

- On August 26 we will be having our Elementary Parent/Teacher Information night. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative evening.
- On the evening of August 30, we will have our Open House for Y5-8th grade students at both the elementary and middle school buildings. This is a great opportunity for your whole family to stop in and meet the teachers.
- On September 8 and 9 we will be having 3 School and 4 School Visit Days.

### **2021-2022 HCS Theme T-Shirts**

Each year students in 3 School - 5th Grade receive an HCS t-shirt to wear for field trips, chapels and other activities. All elementary students will receive a shirt in the fall, no need to order! Middle School students are given the option to order one free of charge and parents, if you want to order a theme t-shirt for yourself, there is a cost of \$5.00 each. To order a 2021-2022 HCS Theme T-Shirt for a middle school student or family member, fill out this [form](#) by this Friday, June 4.

### **2021 Golf Outing**

HCS is committed to partnering with everyone who desires a Christian education for their family! The HCS community makes this possible through the HCS tuition assistance fund. PLEASE join us Monday, August 2 at

Railside Golf Club for a fun day of golf where all proceeds go to our tuition assistance fund. Morning and Afternoon flights available. We are also looking for corporate/individual sponsors for this event. Click [here](#) or contact rlandstra@hcs.org for more information.

## 2021 Summer TRIP Schedule

- June 7: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- June 14: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- June 21: NO TRIP
- June 28: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- July 5: Holiday – NO TRIP
- July 12: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- July 19: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- July 26: NO TRIP
- August 2: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- August 9: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- August 16: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- August 23: NO TRIP
- August 30: TRIP 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- September 6: Labor Day – NO TRIP

## IMPORTANT COVID-19 PROTOCOL & INFORMATION UPDATES

### 6/1/2021 - Updates

#### Updated Gatherings and Face Mask Order

Beginning June 1:

- There will no longer be capacity limits outdoors
- There will no longer be capacity limits at residential gatherings
- Indoor establishments will be at 50% capacity
- Social gatherings will now be regulated only by the venue
- Face masks continue to be required for non-vaccinated individuals indoors

Beginning July 1:

- All broad epidemic orders will be lifted

#### School Indoors Through June 10, 2021

We will continue to require masks for all individuals indoors, regardless of vaccination status, through the remainder of this school year. We have only 8 school days left. We will remain consistent with our current health and safety protocols that have served us well. We believe staying consistent will help us end well and allow us to hold all our planned end-of-the-year events.

#### School Events Outdoors Through June 10, 2021

When we have outdoor school events, masks will not be required for any students, staff, parents, or other guests. This includes recess, outdoor P.E. classes, other classes conducted outside, drop-off and pick-up outside after school, or any other school events held outside.

It is still important that you notify Mary Broene, HCS COVID-19 liaison, of any positive cases or close contact situations. Also, if you have any questions feel free to contact her. You can connect with her via email (mbroene@4hcs.org), text (616.550.6607), or phone call (616.550.6607).

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### Chapel

All elementary students will participate in a livestream chapel from their classrooms each Friday at 10:00. We welcome you to join us for chapel through the livestream link or recorded link that will be shared.

## Number/Day Schedule

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| June 1 - #4 | June 2 - #1 | June 3 - #2 | June 4 - #3 | June 7 - #4 | June 8 - #1 |
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### Hot Lunch

The [May/June Menu](#) and other information on the elementary Hot Lunch program provided by JenHud Food Service can be found on the [JenHud Food Service website](#).

### 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert

The 5th grade band and orchestra will be performing an in-person concert this Thursday, June 3, 7:00 pm, in the HCS Elementary West gym. Because of the new order from MDHHS which begins on Tuesday, June 1, this will no longer need to be a ticketed event and more than two guests per student may attend the concert. We do ask that concert attendees comply with the current mask requirements for indoor events. The concert will be livestreamed as well.

### Virtual Art Show

The elementary students have been working hard all year to make some incredible artwork! We have some truly gifted artists at Hudsonville Christian. Students have explored lots of different art materials and learned about many different artists. Each student has chosen one of their artworks to share with you. Click on the link below to view!

5th grade: <https://vimeo.com/557380201/71371a3c6c>

4th grade: <https://vimeo.com/557547209/50801196ed>

3rd grade: <https://vimeo.com/557548258/f242f648ac>

2nd grade: <https://vimeo.com/557549263/0218b24d6d>

1st grade: <https://vimeo.com/557550488/21712c2984>

Kindergarten: <https://vimeo.com/557551608/5b2a650bcc>

Young 5s: <https://vimeo.com/557552846/4756542304>

### Summer Art Camp

Summer Art Camp will be held August 2-5 at the elementary school for students entering the 4th-5th grade. The morning session is 9:00- 11:00 and the afternoon session is 12:00-2:00. The cost is \$80 a student and covers all supplies and a snack. During the summer art camp, we will be exploring different ideas with clay, sculpture, weaving, painting and more! Registration forms can be found outside the main office. Contact Mark Randall at [mrandall@4hcs.org](mailto:mrandall@4hcs.org) with any additional questions.

### Library Books

Please look around your house for misplaced library books. All books need to be returned by this Friday, June 4. Thank you for helping your child return their books.

### Lost and Found

Our elementary lost and found is located in the main office lobby. Please stop by when you are at school and remind your child to check out the items to see if anything belongs to them. Items not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Chapel

Chapel for the final weeks of school will be grade level chapels as determined by schedules in each grade. Thank you for your prayers and support this year in spite of not being able to join us at our chapels. We hope and pray that you were able to "join" us by viewing some of our chapels though the links provided.

### Hot Lunch

**There is NO scheduled Hot Lunch this week, Wednesday, June 2 at the middle school! Students in school on Wednesday, June 2 MUST plan on having their own packed lunch for the day! Also, please check with your son or daughter if they have any outstanding hot lunch IOU debt that is owed. It should be paid back by the end of the week!**

## Virtual Art Show

Students at HCMS have been exploring and expanding their creativity throughout the school year producing unique works of art in their Visual Arts class. The works range from paintings, to clay sculptures, and even exploding books! As a celebration of their hard work and a testimony to our Holy and Awesome Lord, our Creator, the art department has put together a virtual art show of student-selected artwork for you to watch together with your student. Keep your eyes out for it in the next week!

## Parents of Grade 8 students

Reminder for Grade 8 parents - the following information has also been sent/emailed home to all parents, but we offer this list of reminders for the busy schedule for the end of the school year for grade 8 students:

Tuesday, June 1 - A full day of school with graduation lineup practice in our HCMS gym and the end of year test for ELA (Language Arts).

Wednesday and Thursday, June 2 and 3 - Full days of school that include Journey project work periods and end of year tests for Algebra/Math and Science.

Friday, June 4 - Full day of school with the morning as Journey project finishing time and the afternoon for Journey Project presentations. Parents will be able to join the presentation for their student via zoom. Information will follow for this.

Monday, June 7 is the class trip day to Silver Lake Dunes and Craig's Cruisers. Students may take their regular morning transportation to school. Breakfast will be provided for the students this morning. Lunch will be provided at Silver Lake for a nominal fee. Students will be returned to Hudsonville Christian Middle School at 5:00 p.m. and parents **MUST BE** there to meet them and take them home. (Weather concerns will be addressed and communicated to parents by Sunday evening as to whether or not the class trip needs to move to Tuesday.)

Tuesday, June 8 - NO SCHOOL for grade 8 students.

Wednesday, June 9 - Graduation Day – Practice and Ceremony

Plans are being finalized for the 8th grade graduation ceremony for your son/daughter! Our graduation date is **Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m.** The plans are to use the athletic field at Unity Christian High School for our graduation ceremony. Students may take normal transportation to school as we will be taking attendance in our homerooms at the usual start of the day before departing for graduation practice.

- Practice will take place at the UNITY CHRISTIAN football/soccer field at 48th Ave. on Weds. morning.
- Students will need to be picked up by parents at the UNITY FIELD 10:30 a.m.
- Students arrive at Unity at **6:45 p.m.**
- The Graduation Ceremony will commence at **7:00 p.m.** at the Unity Field.

**A couple of further details: We ask you to bring your outdoor chairs(camp chairs) as your family will be sitting in the grass together while the graduates will be in the bleachers/stage.**

## Uniforms, Library books, school property items

Parents, please take a few moments with your middle school student this week to check your homes for things that **NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.**

- Make sure that all team uniforms are washed and returned to school after the final use for each season.
- All middle school media center library books should have been returned **by Friday, May 28.** Please make sure your son/daughter does not have any overdue books and/or fines due in our library.
- Any band, choir or orchestra music or books that belong to the school should be returned to the group director as soon as possible.
- It is VERY HELPFUL if you do a check of home lockers, bedrooms, desks, etc. to see if there are any other borrowed items OR classroom books from school that were used for homework, projects, games, etc. that can now be returned before the staff leave for the summer break..

Save yourself a trip back to school this summer to return any of these items! Thanks for your time and help!



## PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

### Middle School Lunch Volunteer Needed

The Middle School Hot Lunch Program is in need of a new lead beginning next school year. The present lead will remain and offer assistance for the 2021-2022 school year. This role will fulfill the needed Parents' Club points. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Brinks, 616-719-6707.

### Hudsonville Community Fair Volunteering

The Fair is quickly approaching (August) and we still have several slots to fill! You can sign up on the HCS website under Parents / Forms. Grab your friends and or family for a fun time out together working with other HCS families, raising money for HCS and fellowshiping with our community! A friendly reminder that, at this point, masks will be required until we get further direction from both the health department and the Fair Board as the Fair draws closer. Please be sure you wear a t-shirt (no sleeveless shirts allowed), socks and closed toed shoes. If you choose not to wear a hairnet (provided) you may bring a hat instead! Thanks for signing up and looking forward to a great week together!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Cross-train Volleyball

Cross-train Volleyball will be offering small group volleyball lessons throughout the summer for girls entering 6-10th grade. Lessons will be 90 minutes long and will focus on a variety of skills including passing, setting, serving, hitting, and blocking. Lessons are led by Hope Hoezee. Those interested will form their own group of 4-8 girls and contact [crosstrainvb@gmail.com](mailto:crosstrainvb@gmail.com) for information on how to sign up. Group price minimum is \$50 for four girls; groups containing 5-8 players will have an additional \$15 per player (for example: 8 girls=\$110). Signups will begin on May 27 and payment will be due at signup. The first round of lessons will be offered in the East Gym on June 14, 15, and 16 from 11:00-12:30pm and 12:30-2:00pm. Groups can sign up for 1 or more lessons as each lesson will be group specific. Additional lessons will be offered on other dates throughout the summer. Please contact [crosstrainvb@gmail.com](mailto:crosstrainvb@gmail.com) for more information.

### Unity Summer Sports Camps

Registration for Unity Christian Summer Sports Camps is now open! We offer summer camps for students ages 3 years to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a variety of sports. The schedule of camps and registration link are available at <http://www.unitychristianathletics.org/main/campsclinics>. Because our registration began later this year and some camps begin the week of June 14, we ask that you please register and pay by June 7. Feel free to contact Unity's Athletic Office at 669-1820 or [athletics@unitychristian.org](mailto:athletics@unitychristian.org) with any questions you may have!

### Unity Christian Youth Football for Grades 3 – 8

Registration for Unity Christian Youth Football is now open! We will again have a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team(s), a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team(s), a 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Practices will begin on August 16 for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades and August 23 for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register. Feel free to contact Unity's Athletic Office at 669-1820 or [athletics@unitychristian.org](mailto:athletics@unitychristian.org) with any questions you may have!

### Hudsonville Balloon Days

Hudsonville Balloon Days are happening June 18 & 19! Launching and glowing will take place at Unity Christian High School! Additional details will be coming - check out the [Hudsonville Balloon Days](#) Facebook page for the latest information. Suggested \$10 donation per car for parking. Hope to see you there!

### Hudsonville Community Education

HPS is pleased to offer a variety of activities for your family this summer. Click [HERE](#) for information and to register!

### Summer Skills Books

Prevent the summer slide and give kids more confidence! Summer Skills books are designed to help sharpen their knowledge and review what they have learned as they prepare for the next school year. These grade level books include two different series (math and language arts) for students from pre-k through high school. In just a few 20–30-minute sessions a week, students can reinforce previously learned academic skills without additional screen time. Visit their website for more information! <https://www.summerskills.com/parent-info/>.

## Double Up Food Bucks

You can now get up to \$50 in FREE produce through the [Double Up Food Bucks](#) program when you make purchases with your Bridge Card or Pandemic EBT student food benefits at participating [Farmers Markets](#).

## CALENDAR

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| June 1-4  | 8th Grade Exams and Faith Journey Projects |
| June 3    | 5th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert       |
| June 4-10 | Limited Busing AM & PM                     |
| June 7    | 8th Grade Class Trip                       |
| June 9    | 8th Grade Graduation                       |
| June 9    | 6th grade service project                  |
| June 10   | Last day of School (full day)              |
| June 11   | Teacher Day; Report Cards Posted           |

## QUICK LINKS

- [Kids' Corner Handbook](#)
- [Preschool \(3School/4School/NB 4School\) Handbook](#)
- [Middle School Handbook](#)
- [HCS Parent Handbook](#)
- [Elementary Hot Lunch - JenHud Food Service](#)
- [HCS Parents' Club](#)
- [Parents' Club Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Parents' Club Volunteer Sign-up Links \(2021-2022\)](#)
- [Kids' Corner Enrollment Form 2021-2022](#)
- [Kids' Corner Online Enrollment 2021-2022](#)