

Board Notes December 2025

1. Josh Koch opened with devotions.
2. Principal's Report was received. Update from CACE on principal search. Update on intention slips from employees.
3. Committees Education Discussed incentives for teachers to take LETRS training. **The work of all the committees was supported and approved.*

4. Old Business Reviewed School Board Policy Update on Building Project. Update from board members from employee visits. Discussed board boot camp.
5. New Business Proposed addition to Addendum for employees. Discussed SWOT analysis. Discussed new score board. Katie Reitsma was nominated chair of the principal search committee.
6. The meeting was closed with prayer.

SCRIP NEWS

Scrip had a good month in December. We had about \$107,000 in sales which equals a little over \$4,400 in rebates for tuition or lunch accounts. We would like to thank all the retailers for partnering with us to offer a wide variety of options. Continue to use Scrip in the new year for gifts and also everyday purchases such as gas, groceries and clothing. Just a heads up, we do have the Bomgaars \$30 cards on hand again at 15% rebate while supplies last. If you have questions on Scrip you can call Teresa Fedders at the office on Mondays or email her at scrip@hullchristian.com.

**UPCOMING ORDER DATES
ORDER DATE PICK UP DATE**

Monday, January 19	Thursday, January 22
Monday, January 26	Thursday, January 29
Monday, February 2	Thursday, February 5
Monday, February 9	Thursday, February 12

Employee Spotlight

Kristi Ten Pas works part-time at HCS alongside Miss Roghair in the **Resource Room** and also helps as one of our friendly **lunch ladies**. She loves seeing *all* the students in the lunch line and enjoys working with kids in small groups. Kristi and her husband, Randy, have been married **29 years** and have **three daughters**. She is thankful for the amazing people she works with and considers it a true blessing to serve at Hull Christian School.
Favorite food: Chicken Alfredo with broccoli
Favorite verse: 2 Corinthians 4:18



Elizabeth Van Maanen teaches **Preschool–8th grade music** and **5th–8th grade band** at HCS. Through music, she loves helping students worship, praise, and glorify God—especially during times when the **whole school sings together**.

Elizabeth and her husband, Philip, live in Hull with their **three children**. Outside of school, she enjoys baking, reading, caring for houseplants, and gardening.
Favorite things: Tiramisu, coffee, and brisket
Favorite verse: Proverbs 3:5–6



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 12
Girls Bball Practice 3:30-5:00
Technology Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, January 13
Boys Bball Practice 3:30 - 5:00

Wednesday, January 14
Girls Bball practice 2:30-4:00
Promotion Meeting 7:00
Principal Search Committee Meeting 7:00

Thursday, January 15
Basketball game vs OCCS
Girls Home/Boys Away

Friday, January 16
End of First Semester
Boys Bball Practice 3:30-5:00

Monday, January 19
Second Semester begins
11:55 dismissal
Boys Bball Practice 12:30-2:00
Foundation Meeting 12:00
Finance Meeting 6:00
Board Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, January 20
Basketball game vs Hull Prof
Girls Away/Boys Home

Wednesday, January 21
Girls Bball Practice 2:30-4:00

Thursday, January 22
Fine Arts 3:30-4:45
Basketball Game vs Sanborn
Girls Away/Boys Home

Monday, January 26
Boys Bball Practice 3:30-5:00

Tuesday, January 27
Girls Bball Practice 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, January 28
Boys Bball Practice 3:30-5:00

Thursday, January 29
NWI Honor Orchestra -
Northwestern
Basketball Game vs Sheldon
Girls Away/Boys Home

Friday, January 30
Puzzle, Pizza & Pop 6:30

Saturday, January 31
Girls Basketball Tournament

Knighly News



The mission of Hull Christian School is to educate covenant children in the light of God's Word, preparing them for a life of Christian discipleship, responsible stewardship, and humble service in His kingdom.

Designed on Purpose - from the Counselors Corner

On the wall of my office are four painted phrases:
God created you
On purpose
With purpose
For a purpose



These lines are meant to be a reminder to each student who walks through my door, and I pray they are a reminder that sticks with them long after they leave Hull Christian. So often we compare ourselves to others and their abilities — How do I measure up? Why did they seem to get all the “good” gifts? Why do people seem to like him more than me? The list is endless, and students of all ages also fall into this trap. Sometimes they just want to “be like everyone else,” and it may seem like perhaps life is better or easier for others. If I had to guess what students would pick out of a lineup of attributes, I think they would choose athleticism, book smarts, ease in friendships, popularity, and probably good looks. Some students seem to have it all, and some struggle to find even one thing they like about themselves.

My own mother's heart was bruised many times, when my kids would come home from school and let me know they didn't make the team, didn't get the role they wanted in the play, didn't fit into a friend group, didn't get picked at recess, didn't get the grade, etc. Many tears were shed and prayers said as I tried to help them navigate through the realities of living in a less-than-perfect world. If I'm being honest, there were times I questioned the delivery of their gifts as well or wondered what others were overlooking when they saw my child.

I think I tried my best to reassure them at the time, remind them of their good qualities and urge them to still be kind. I recall saying many times, “You know what that feels like now, so don't ever treat others the same way.” But it didn't feel like enough. That's the whole lesson? Be kind even if others aren't? It never felt nearly enough.

As Christians, I think we probably all agree that each of our children is made in God's image, is precious, unique, valued by Him, and given the perfect gifts just for them. So why do we still sometimes fight the desire to wish them to be just a little different, or that things were easier — that their gift distribution had a slightly different formula?

Maybe it's because we hurt when our children hurt. We see ourselves in that hurting child, remember the sting of our own childhood, and just long for it to be different for them. Maybe it's the fact that this world is not our home and we will never fully feel at home here. (Deep thoughts for 1:38 p.m. on a random Thursday afternoon.)

Have you ever stopped to imagine what God had in mind when he designed your child? The care with which He measured out each trait? The way He had the whole picture and then carefully crafted your son or daughter with each characteristic, each habit, each quirk — making them into the beautiful and messy individual that would serve His kingdom? I often tell classes that God knew exactly where they would be: in this classroom, with these others, at this appointed time. There was no mistake — you were perfectly put together to be just what your classmates need.

I don't know how often they believe me; I hope occasionally. Just in case they forget, they can always check out my wall.

Parents, your child will be OK. Your prayers are enough. You may be raising one of the kindest kids in the class: the one who sees others and reaches out, the one who lets others know that they matter. They might do this alongside their athleticism, their good looks, their book smarts, or their popularity. Or they might do it through gifts that are still being explored, honed, or are not yet fully developed. Either way, the promise remains true, and we serve a God who keeps His promises.

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Special Guests Welcomed into 2nd Grade

The 2nd graders enjoyed a special visit from Western speech students who came to read to us today—thank you for visiting our class!



IT'S A GOOD DAY TO READ A BOOK

DID YOU MISS THE CINNAMON ROLL ORDER? OR ARE YOU ALREADY REGRETTING NOT GETTING MORE? 😬

You're in luck—we've got extras! Claim them before they disappear.

*\$15/dozen
\$100 - box of 10dz
*PRICE DROP**

Contact the office if you would like more!!
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Pop Can Schedule

January	February
Todd/Sara De Jong	James/Kris De Jong
Keith/Liz Hoekstra	Rick/Tonya De Groot
Josh/Julie Koch	Brent/Becky Geels
Kyle/Shae Pollema	Mike/Veronica Hoekstra
Heath/Kayla Stoker	Rick/Koni Leusink
Alex/Maria VD Top	Eric/Jana Rens
Jeremy/Thisbe Van Dyke	Joel/Sara VD Griend
Travis/Brittany Veldman	Maher/Kari Sandouka



Nominations to Serve on the Hull Christian School Board

The Hull Christian School Board is seeking nominations for individuals who are willing to serve and help carry out the mission of Hull Christian School. If you know someone who would make a strong addition to the Board, please contact a current Board member or Mr. Ten Pas.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you for putting your HEART into Hull Christian School Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is **February 9–13**.

To show our appreciation for all that our teachers and staff do, we would love to cover the lunch hour in classrooms throughout the week and are asking for parent help to make this possible. The room mom for your child's classroom will be reaching out in the next couple of weeks, please check your calendars and help out if possible. Students are also encouraged to color a picture or write a note thanking their teachers for the love, care, and Christ-centered guidance they provide.

Substitute Teachers & Paraprofessionals at Hull Christian School

Hull Christian is looking for substitute teachers & paraprofessionals who enjoy working with kids in a caring Christian environment. Any teacher who is interested in subbing please contact Mr. Ten Pas at 439-2273 or e-mail him at rtenpas@hullchristian.com.



Give A Book

New year, new books! A special thank you to Grandpa and Grandma De Wit donating in honor of grandchildren Marissa, Owen, and Chelsea, Grandma and Grandpa Jacobsma donating in honor of grandson Kendrick, and Grandpa and Grandma Rens donating in honor of grandchildren Ethan and Logan. If you are interested in donating to our library and letting students choose new books to add to our collection, please contact the office for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated! -Mrs. De Jager

Scan the QR code to reserve a table - tables are filling quickly!

PUZZLE PIZZA POP NIGHT!
Friday, January 30 at HCS gym
*Doors open at 6:00 *Fun begins at 6:30
Come for an evening of FUN!!



Upcoming Concert Dates

- Tuesday, February 10** - 1st & 2nd Grade Winter Program
6:00 - HCS gym
- Thursday, February 26** - Jr High Choir Festival
7:00 - Unity
- Thursday, March 26** - Orchestra Extravaganza
3rd-8th students 7:00 at Western
- Monday, March 30** - 3rd & 4th Folk Dance Night
HCS gym
- Tuesday, May 5** - Band/Orchestra Pops Concert
7:00 - HCS gym
- Monday, May 11** - PK-8th Grade Chapel Program
1:30 & 7:00 - WCHS Event Center

