

Board Notes January 2026

1. Kyle LeLoux opened with devotions.
2. Principal's Report was received.
Update from CACE on principal search.
3. Committees
 - Education
MMS to approve the 2026-27 school calendar.
 - MMS to approve the Grant Application.
 - Technology
MMS to purchase 29 new chrome books for the 26-27 school year.

**The work of all the committees was supported and approved.*
4. Old Business
 - Building Project
Motion to accept Poppema-Sikma bid.
 - Ground Breaking is estimated to be April 1, 2026.
 - Discussed reports regarding salary/

- wage package.
Discussed Board Boot Camp at Dordt University.
- Discussed SWOT Survey
MMS to purchase 2 colored TV's to replace scoreboard.
- 5. New Business
 - Ideas for Jog/Walk a thon and Hostess Supper.
 - Discussed nominations for school board members.
 - MMS for faculty and staff 3% increase to base and 1% increase to increment.
 - Discussed Mr. Ten Pas contract.
 - Discussed questions from the Promotion committee.
- 6. The meeting was closed with prayer.



SCRIP NEWS

The SCRIP accounts will be settled for this school year the week of March 16. SCRIP statements will be issued and applied to tuition or hot lunch accounts at that time. The April tuition statements for HCS and Western will show these payouts. If your tuition/hot lunch is paid in full for the year, you will receive credit for next school year. If you would like your SCRIP payout destination to change, **please let us know by Monday, March 9** to prepare for the payout. To do so, contact Teresa in the HCS office at 712-439-2273 or email scrip@hullchristian.com.

UPCOMING ORDER DATES

ORDER DATE	PICK UP DATE
Monday, February 9	Thursday, February 12
NO ORDERS - Week of February 16	
Monday, February 23	Thursday, February 26
Monday, March 2	Thursday, March 5

100 Day of School - Rooted in Christ

On Monday, February 2 we celebrated 100 Days of School - Rooted in Christ! Our 1st-3rd graders celebrated together. Each classroom had different activities to work through. We wrapped up the day by making dirt cups and enjoying them together!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, February 10**
1st & 2nd Grade Winter Music Program 6:00
- Friday, February 13**
Jr High Science Fair 8:30-11:15
- Monday, February 16**
Presidents Day - No School
Finance Meeting 6:00
Board Meeting 7:00
- Wednesday, February 18**
Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, February 19**
Fine Arts 3:30-4:45
- Friday, February 20**
Hostess Supper 6:30
- Thursday, February 26**
Choir Festival - Unity - 7:00
- Monday, March 1**
Education Meeting 7:00
- Tuesday, March 2**
Chapel led by 4th Grade - 2:50
- Thursday, March 5**
Fine Arts Club 3:30-4:45
- Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20**
Spring Break - No School



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.

New Timpani

Recently, a new 32" timpani drum was purchased for the band to add to our existing set. With this addition, HCS now has three timpani drums of different sizes. This drum is the largest drum in a set of timpani and a full traditional set of timpani includes four drums, each a different size. The timpani is a tuned percussion instrument, meaning its pitch can be changed using a foot pedal. Each drum can play a range of approximately a perfect fifth, so adding the 32" drum allows our students to play a wider range of notes and perform more challenging music. We are very excited to have this beautiful and versatile instrument in the music room. This purchase was made possible through funds raised **from concert and program offerings**. Without your generous support, opportunities like this would not be possible. Thank you so much for supporting music education at HCS and helping our students grow as musicians!



Hostess Supper Night at HCS!

You're invited to a night of great food, laughter, and fellowship at the **Hull Christian School Hostess Supper on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 6:30 PM** in the HCS gym! Enjoy a delicious **catered meal by Marianne Bleeker**, followed by entertainment from **Mingo**—it's sure to be a fun evening you won't want to miss. An offering will be taken for the **Classroom Essentials Fund**, supporting our **Cultivating Roots Building Campaign** and helping provide for our classrooms. Come hungry, bring a friend, and plan to relax and enjoy a wonderful night together as a school community. We can't wait to see you there!



RSVP HERE



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Give A Book

Thank you so much to those who have continued to give to our library's "Give a Book" program. A special thank you to Great-Grandma and Grandpa Altena for giving in honor of great-grandchildren Sawyer, Sadie, Shayne, and Spencer; and Joel and Sara Vande Griend giving in honor of children Brendan and Whiteleigh.

We're getting ready for one of our favorite times of the year - Library March Madness! New books are arriving, and throughout March students will read and vote for their favorites. This activity helps show that reading can be fun, exciting, and an important part of everyday life. Ask your child which book they enjoyed most this week - you might discover a new favorite together!

Let's make March a month full of reading and fun!

Pop Can Schedule

February

James/Kris De Jong
Rick/Tonya De Groot
Brent/Becky Geels
Mike/Veronica Hoekstra
Rick/Koni Leusink
Eric/Jana Rens
Joel/Sara VD Griend
Maher/Kari Sandouka

March

Steven/Haley Broersma
Troy/Tina Bruxvoort
Matt Dokter/Heidi Schipper
Michael/Ashleigh Hilt
Jonathon/Tamae Kats
Seth/Jaime Oostenink
Brandon/Ashely Van Engen
Dan/Laurie Van Schouwen
Matt/Heather Vande Kieft



Employee Spotlight

Heather Negen is our wonderful **5th Grade Teacher** here at HCS. She and her husband, Justin (Chief of Finance and Operations at Western Christian), stay busy raising their three daughters—Addison (7th grade), Sadie (4th grade), and Sutton (1st grade). Heather loves being part of the HCS community and is especially thankful for the supportive faculty, staff, parents, and grandparents who make our school such a special place. When she's not in the classroom, you'll likely find her reading, spending time outdoors, or playing games with family and friends. A good plate of Mexican food is always a favorite!

A verse that encourages Heather is Psalm 121:1-2:

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."



Nichelle De Jager serves as our **Librarian** at Hull Christian School. She is married to Marcus De Jager, and together they are raising their three children—Elsie, Emmet, and Brooks in Rock Valley.

Nichelle treasures the close-knit community at HCS and often says it truly feels like a second family. Outside of school, she enjoys golfing, playing sports with her kids, watching football, reading, exercising, and going for walks with her goldendoodle, Bailey. And just like many of us, she's always happy when Mexican food is on the menu!

A favorite verse that inspires Nichelle is Isaiah 40:31:

"For those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Janelle De Wit serves as the **Secretary** at Hull Christian School. She is married to Darin, and together they are raising their four daughters—Ali (Freshman at Dordt University), Jayci (Senior at Western Christian), Kambri (8th grade), and Hudson (6th grade).

Janelle loves the daily interactions she has with students who stop by the office and enjoys being a helping hand for teachers whenever needed. Outside of school, she spends her time being outdoors with family, baking, reading (a hobby she picked up this past year), going for walks, and working on puzzles. And yes—Mexican food is always a favorite!

A verse that encourages Janelle is Philippians 4:6-7:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."



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.

Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

Preschool Open House and Kindergarten 2026-27 Parent Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30**. The PK and Kindergarten teachers will give a short presentation and hand out folders with information and forms.

[Registration for Preschool will open on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 P.M.](#)

[Here is the QR code for registration.](#)

Preschool is filled on a first come, first served basis.



1st and 2nd Music Program

Please join us on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 PM for the 1st and 2nd grade music program, **"This I Know: Singing the Truths We Know About God."** Throughout this program, students will share and sing about the truths they know to be true about God. Their own reflections helped guide the selection of songs and narration, creating a thoughtful and meaningful time of worship.



January Faith & Chapel Highlights

During January, our students focused on the theme **God the Son: Jesus' Suffering and Death**. The 5th graders led chapel by reading **Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 37 and 40** and presenting a reader's theater. Pastor Bob Pollema from Faith CRC shared an impactful object lesson, helping students understand how Jesus took the punishment for our sin and made us clean.

Students also gathered for an **All-School Sing**, lifting their voices together in worship through a variety of songs. Peer groups met throughout the month for activities, Scripture, and reflection on Jesus' suffering and death, including reviewing the Apostles' Creed.

To close the month, students participated in faith-building service by visiting **Aspen Heights**, where they shared Christ's love by making Valentine hearts with residents. January was a meaningful month of worship, learning, and service as students grew in their understanding of Jesus' sacrifice and love.



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

