

## CIRCLE NEWS

### Circle Meeting

Our next circle meeting will be Thursday, February 1 at 7:00pm in the faculty workroom. All Circle members are welcome to attend.

### Christmas at HCS

Each Christmas the Circle gives a gift to the faculty and staff to wish them a Merry Christmas and let them know how important they are to the school. We want to thank our staff for all they do for our children and school. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

### Girls' 5th -8th Grade Basketball Tournament and Concessions

This was held on December 16 and we had another great year! Many hours of planning and organizing go into this fundraiser and we are extremely grateful for all those who were on the committee and those who helped make this fundraiser go so well.

### Pop Can Collection

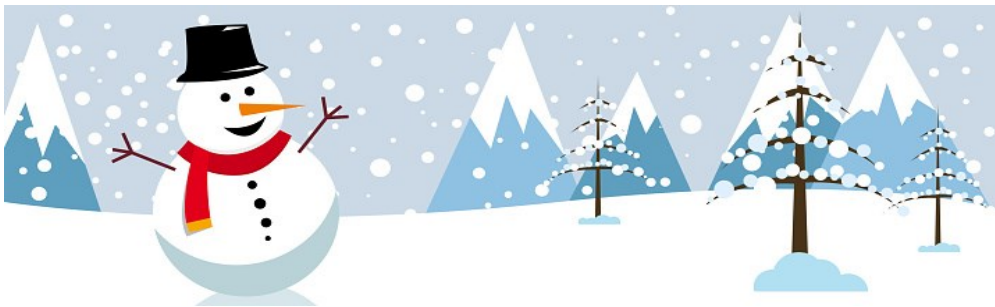
Pop can collection and sorting keep going during these cold months, so keep collecting those cans and bottles. Thank you to the chairs and co-chairs who make this possible and running smoothly. Thanks everyone for showing up and helping sort and count on their designated month, this is greatly appreciated!

### Hostess Supper

The Chairs and Co-chairs have started making plans for this upcoming fundraiser! Donations for the Hostess Supper are designated to a specific need for Hull Christian. Look for details for this fundraiser coming soon! Expect a great meal and great entertainment all while supporting Hull Christian.

*\*The Circle would like to say thank you to everyone for all your support for Hull Christian! We greatly appreciate the support for the fundraisers and making each school year a great success!*

Rachel Bolkema- Circle President



## SCRIP NEWS

Scrip had a good month in December. We had about \$110,000 in sales which equals a little over \$4,600 in rebates for tuition 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 15 Thursday, January 18  
Monday, January 22 Thursday, January 25  
Monday, January 29 Thursday, February 1  
Monday, February 5 Thursday, February 8

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, January 15

Beginning of Second Semester  
**\*11:55 dismissal\***  
Foundation Meeting 12:00  
Boys Basketball Practice

### Tuesday, January 16

K-2nd Concert 7:00

### Wednesday, January 17

Girls Basketball Practice  
Finance Meeting 6:00  
Board Meeting 7:00

### Thursday, January 18

Boys Basketball Practice

### Monday, January 22

Boys Basketball Practice

### Tuesday, January 23

Fine Arts 3:34-4:45

### Thursday, January 25

Basketball Game vs Sanborn  
Girls & 7th Boys Home

### Saturday, January 27

Girls Basketball Tournament at  
Unity

### Monday, January 29

Boys Basketball Practice

### Thursday, February 1

Boys Basketball Practice

### Friday, February 2

Jr High Science Fair

### Saturday, February 3

Boys Basketball Tournament at  
Western

### Tuesday, February 6

3rd-4th Grade Concert 7:00



# Knighly News



**Hull Christian School**  
Rooted in Christ

*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.*

## Update on Building Project

All the plans the Board has been making towards presenting a proposed building expansion will soon be ready to take to the Society for a vote. A date has not yet been set, but we look forward to it soon. The ad-hoc committee interviewed some general contractors and the board passed the motion to hire Poppema-Sikma Construction. We are very thankful for individuals who served on the original ad-hoc committee (John Emerick, Justin Hoekstra, Justin Jacobsma, Kyle Le Loux, Megan Raman, Seth Oostenink, Randy Ten Pas, Craig Ver Hoef and Dave Van't Hul.) They put in a large amount of time creating a plan to meet the growing needs of Hull Christian School. The ad-hoc committee has now been reduced to a smaller group of individuals. Brent De Jager, John Emerick, Kyle Le Loux and Craig Ver Hoef have agreed to work more closely with Poppema-Sikma. The school board has officially adopted the campaign name of Cultivating New Roots to raise money for the project. This name was chosen because it goes along with our slogan, Rooted in Christ, that appears with our new logo. They also wanted to make sure people understand that this building expansion will help prepare our students to live out our mission to live a "life of Christian discipleship, responsible stewardship, and humble service in His Kingdom." Please continue to pray for God's will to be done through the people who are working hard to make the building project a reality.



## Board Notes - December 2023

1. John Emerick opened with devotions.
2. Principal's Report was received. Intention Slips were reviewed.
3. Committee Reports  
Education  
Motions to offer Matt Alsum the kindergarten para position for Fridays.  
MMS to offer Amanda De Kam for 1st grade part time position.  
Ad Hoc Building  
MMS to hire Poppema Sikma as the general contractor for potential building project.  
*\*The work of all the committees was supported and approved.*
4. Old Business  
MMS to have Eric Zomermaand chair the Ad-Hoc Finance Committee.  
Discussed narrowing the Ad-Hoc Building Committee.  
Discussion on Scholastic Books - It was decided that HCS will not hand out Scholastic book orders.  
Feedback on salary/wage package were discussed.
5. New Business  
~January's board meeting we will begin to discuss board nomination.

- ~ Updated Employee Faith Statement.
- ~ Updated code of conduct policy statement on marriage & sexual orientation position statement.
- ~Registration will now have faith statement, sexual orientation position & statement of marriage.
- ~ Randy will get prices on possible items discussed for Jog-a-thon and Hostess Supper.
- ~ HCS will apply for membership to ACSI to assist advertising for open positions.
- ~ Ed Committee will discuss the advantage/disadvantage of All Belong.
- ~ Cultivating New Roots will be the name of the new building project.
- ~ Motion to request the foundation to look at their bylaws in regards to re-evaluating their primary mission, and HCS would like to utilize the \$2 million to help kick start the building project.
- ~ Motion for the school to raise 60% of total building project prior to breaking ground.
- ~ Discussed if part of the building project cost be built into tuition.
- 6. The meeting was closed with prayer.

\*\*MMS = Motion Made and Sustained

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**An Additional 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Opening**

If you are interested in making a positive impact on students and the many other benefits of working in a Christian environment, we have the job for you. HCS is accepting applications for an additional **4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher** for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications can be found at [hullchristian.com](http://hullchristian.com) >About HCS>Employment>Teacher. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas at [712-439-2273](tel:712-439-2273) or e-mail [rtentpas@hullchristian.com](mailto:rtentpas@hullchristian.com) with any questions.



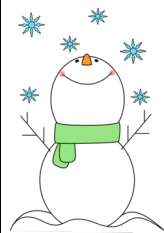
**Upcoming Concert Dates**

**Tuesday, January 16** ~ K-2nd Grade Program 7:00  
**Tuesday, February 6** ~ 3rd-4th Grade Program 7:00  
**Thursday, February 22** ~ JH Choir Festival at Western  
**Tuesday, April 16** ~ Orchestra Extravaganza 7:00  
**Monday, May 6** ~ PK-8th Grade Chapel Program  
 -7:00 PM at Western Christian Event Center

**HCS Program:** The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students will be presenting a program entitled "God Made Blue" on January 16 at 7:00 in the HCS school gym. Livestream is available under Parent tab under livestream link on the HCS website.



**SNOW much fun!!**



**Nominations to Serve on the Hull Christian School Board**

The Hull Christian School Board is looking for nominations of individuals to serve. If you know someone who would make a great board member to help carry out the mission of Hull Christian School, please contact a current board member or Mr. Ten Pas.

**Thanks from Hull Christian School**

Hull Christian School would like to thank everyone who donated to the NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) fund. We received over \$94,000 to help parents next year with their tuition payments. We look forward to your continued partnership.



**Pop Can Sorting Schedule**

January	February
Wissink	Vande Griend, Joel
Van Engen, Brandon	De Jong, James
Van Engen, Lucas	Leusink
Stoker	Te Slaa, Kyle
Koch	Pollema, Brody
Hoekstra, Mike	Jacobsma
Hoekstra, Keith	Hoekstra, Andrew
Bolkema	De Wit, Darin
Broek	Matt Dokter/Heidi W



**From the Counselors Corner  
 Boosting Your Child's Confidence**

Many kids (adults too) will struggle with confidence and self-esteem at some point in their lives. When a classmate says something unkind, when a test score isn't as high as expected, or when the desired position is already filled on the team, confidence can take a nosedive. It can be helpful for parents to have some confidence boosters ready, or even add some daily habits that can promote healthy self-esteem. Here are some strategies you might consider:

**Set a culture of confidence**

- Give your child opportunities to learn and try new things
- Help your child set goals and work with them to accomplish their goals - a little struggling to reach a goal builds capability and competence
- Give your child age-appropriate responsibilities - contributing to the household builds confidence
- Model positive self-esteem - turn your mistakes into opportunities to learn
- Avoid comparing your child to peers and/or siblings - helps you appreciate your child for who he/she is and builds up their individual gifts
- Encourage your child to pursue their interests

**Address failure and struggles**

- Let your child know that you are there if they need help, but encourage them to do as much as possible on their own - avoid the urge to swoop in and fix things, which sends the message that you don't think they are capable of doing it on their own
- Praise your child for their effort, not the outcome - when we praise only the outcome, we send a message that the child has only done a good job if they succeeded
- Talk to your child about how they can learn from their mistakes and failures - pushing through struggles teaches them that they are capable of doing hard things
- Remind your child that their mistakes and failures do not define them
- Talk with your child about challenges they have overcome in the past

**Adopt these daily practices**

- Share one reason that you are thankful for your child
- Encourage your child to begin each day with a positive mindset - they were created on purpose, with purpose, and for a purpose
- Ask your child to share one thing from the day that he/she is proud of - helps a child think of their own strengths and abilities

As a Christian, I have struggled sometimes with the term self-esteem, thinking it might be too person-centered and therefore not a "Christlike" concept, but I have read numerous Bible passages that speak of fear, confidence, the gifts we have been given, and living in courage as children of God. Each of our children has been given a gift to use (1 Peter 4:10), and I think it is up to us, as parents, to build some practices that help nurture who they were created to be.

**4th - 8th Grade Christmas Caroling**

Before Christmas break the 4th - 8th grade classes went Christmas Caroling around town. They blessed many of the shut-ins, widow, widowers and elderly people around Hull. They had a lot of fun caroling and when they got back to school, they warmed up with a cup of hot chocolate.



**Give a Book**

Thank you so much for the generous donations given during the holiday season. We were able to add so many new books this month. I am going to need to restock the basket - a great problem to have! Thank you especially to Grandpa and Grandma Rens, Aunt Janelle & Uncle Pete for donating in honor of their grandsons and nephews Logan and Ethan;



Bruce and Peggy Jacobsma donating in honor of grandson Kendrick; Dan and Kathy De Wit in honor of grandchildren Marissa and Owen, and Nancy Hilbrands donating in honor of grandchildren Jase and Aden! If you give a book in the next few weeks, please be patient as I pick out some new books for our collection. Thank you again!  
 Mrs. De Jager