

Board Notes February 2026

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drew Heynen opened with devotions. 2. Principal's Report was received.
Reviewed IACS (Iowa Association of Christian School)meeting highlights. 3. Committees
Education
MMS for the Proposed Assigning Students to a Class Policy.
Finance
MMS 2026-27 budget.
<i>*The work of all the committees was supported and approved.</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Old Business
Building Project updates.
Reviewed SWOT survey.
Nominations for School Board Members. 5. New Business
Society meeting agenda approved.
Reviewed Parent Survey results.
Reviewed notes from Board Boot Camp. 6. The meeting was closed with prayer. |
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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 Friday, March 13** 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, March 9	Friday, March 13
*NO SCRIP ORDERS - Week of March 16	
Monday, March 23	Friday, March 27
Monday, March 30	Friday, April

Employee Spotlight

Taylor DeJong is our **4th Grade Teacher** who loves the teachers and students she gets to work with each day. Outside of the classroom, Taylor enjoys shopping, spending time with family and friends, and going for walks. Her favorite meal is scalloped potatoes and ham, and her favorite Bible verse 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 your minds in Christ Jesus."



Teresa Fedders is our **Scrip Director** and is married to Mark. They have four children: their oldest daughter, Emily, is married to Ethan Van Maanen; Ashley works at Rock Valley Dental; Abby is a senior; and Logan is a freshman. Teresa enjoys interacting with the students who stop by the office each day. In her free time, she loves going for walks, baking, and spending time with family. Her favorite food is tacos, and her favorite Bible verse is Colossians 3:12; "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, March 9**
Finance Meeting 6:00
Board Meeting 7:00
- Friday, March 13**
Third Quarter Ends
- Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20**
Spring Break - **No School**
- Wednesday, March 25**
Biannual Society Meeting 7:00
- Thursday, March 26**
Orchestra Extravaganza at Western 3rd-8th - 7:00
- Friday, March 27**
Ground Breaking Ceremony 1:00
- Monday, March 30**
Folk Dance Night- 3rd & 4th
Soccer Game at OCCS Girls 4:00 and Boys 5:00
- Friday, April 3**
No School - Good Friday
- Monday, April 6**
Education Meeting 7:00
- Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10**
ISASP Testing 3rd-8th Grade
- Thursday, April 23**
Jog/Walk a thon
- Friday, April 24**
Grandparents Day
- Monday, May 11**
PK-8th Grade Chapel Program at Western 1:00 & 7:00
- Thursday, May 21**
8th Grade Graduation 7:00

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.

A New Chapter Begins: Groundbreaking Set for March 27

The event that many of us have been eagerly anticipating and praying about will take place on Friday March 27, at 1:00 pm in the gym. This groundbreaking celebration for our new addition is a special event and is open to everyone! We warmly invite families, grandparents, alumni, supporters, and friends of the school to join us as we celebrate what God has done and look forward to what He is continuing to do. This building project is about much more than bricks and mortar. It represents our commitment to strengthening Christian education now and for the next generations. The new addition will provide 5 new classrooms, music rooms, music practice rooms, science lab, a commons area, and mother's room. We will repurpose existing spaces for a safer office entrance, an all-purpose room and additional bathrooms.

As we break ground on March 27, we do so with gratitude and humility. We pray that every space that is used will equip students for a life of Christian discipleship, responsible stewardship and service in His kingdom. Please join us on March 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the gym as we celebrate this milestone together.



A Steady Presence, A Lasting Impact

After 27 years of serving at Hull Christian School, Mr. Hartbecke has made the decision not to return next year. His impact on Hull Christian School has been felt by both the students he has taught and the individuals with whom he works. Over the years, Mr. H has served in a variety of roles. He began as a part-time teacher in the resource room and a part-time custodian. Then he transitioned to splitting his time between 4th grade and the resource room before becoming our full-time fourth grade teacher. After many years in the 4th grade classroom, he moved into the middle school for one year, but then returned back to teaching 4th grade for a few more years. Middle school called him back and that is where he has most recently been serving. His humor, steady presence and willingness to serve wherever there was a need has been a tremendous gift to HCS. Mr. Hartbecke said, "I have so many great memories of teaching students in the classroom." His plans for the future include expanding his current summer painting job into a full-time business. We thank Mr. H for his many years of service and wish him the Lord's blessing in his new path.



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Board Nominees

Craig Verhoef lives in Hull with his wife, Teresa, and their three children: Kaily, a sophomore at Wayne State College; Avery, a senior at Western Christian; and Jackson, a 7th grader at Hull Christian School. Craig owns **Verhoef Custom Woodworking, Inc.** He attends **Hope CRC**, where he serves as a youth group leader and helps with sound and technology. He enjoys traveling, summer days at the lake, and remodeling projects.

Lisa Kats lives in Hull with her husband, Brad, and their four children: Abigail, a senior at Western Christian; Benjamin, a freshman; Eddie, a 5th grader; and Emily, a 1st grader at Hull Christian School. Lisa attends **Hull First CRC** and co-leads a women's Bible study. She works at **People's Bank** as a Compliance Specialist. Lisa enjoys reading and watching her kids' activities.

Kari Sandouka and her husband of 21 years have three boys: a college freshman at Dordt University, a high school sophomore at Western Christian, and a 4th grader. Kari is a **Professor of Computer & Data Science** and **Director of Institutional Research** at Dordt University. She teaches courses in programming, database design, machine learning, analytics, and conducts research supporting strategic decisions. Kari attends **Bridge of Hope Church** and enjoys reading, traveling, and her kids' activities.

Sherry De Wit lives in Hull with her husband, Cory, and their three children, all of whom attend Hull Christian School. Marissa is a 3rd grader, Owen is a 1st grader, and Chelsey is in PK. Sherry and her family attend **Hull First CRC**. A former teacher and bookkeeper at HCS, Sherry now stays home with her kids while continuing to share her love for Christian education through substitute teaching, teaching piano lessons to 11 students after school, and serving as a **GEMS leader**. In her free time, she enjoys investing in her children and staying connected to education and ministry.

Maria Mulder and her husband, Allen, live west of Hull on their family farm, where they raise a few cattle and do crop farming. Together they have four children—Travis, Megan, Carter, and Russell—who help keep life busy and full. Maria works at **Simply Baked** in Hull and can also be found driving a silage truck during the fall harvest season. She is an active member of **Bethel CRC** in Sioux Center, where she has served as a Care and Concern Group Coordinator and on the Christian Education Committee.

In her free time, Maria enjoys being outdoors on the farm and spending quality time with her family.

Faye De Kam

Faye De Kam co-owns The Grain House in Hull and Sanborn. She attends Hope CRC in Hull where she teaches 1st grade Sunday School. Faye and her husband, Brad, a deputy with the Sioux County Sheriff's Office, have four children: Teigen (senior at Western), Maeley (sophomore at Western), Dade (7th grade at Hull Christian), and Sienna (1st grade at Hull Christian). She enjoys spending time with her family and cheering on her kids at their activities. They also love boating and fishing at Lake Shetek and Okoboji. The De Kam family is excited to soon move to an acreage outside of Boyden and enjoy country life.

Give A Book

Thank you to those who donated to Give a Book this month - Maria and Alex Van Den Top donating in honor of children Bristol and Kamden; Justin and Cindy TeSlaa donating in honor of daughter Sadie; Grandpa and Grandma Verhoef donating in honor of grandson Jackson; and Grandpa and Grandma Vander Esch donating in honor of grandson Grayson. If you would like to have your child or grandchildren contribute new books to our library, please call the office for more information on our Give a Book program!



Pop Can Schedule

March

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

April

Cody/Kathy Bauer
Andrew/Lisa Hoekstra
Chris/Ashley Hulstein
Kyle/Cindy LeLoux
Brody/Jessica Pollema
Mark/Sara Sandbulte
Devin/Kate Bonestroo
Dusty/Libby Bliik
Shawn/Leah De Stigter



Celebrating Years of Service

Each year, Hull Christian School takes time to celebrate the faithful service of the individuals who invest so much into the lives of our students. This year, we rejoice in a combined 65 years of service represented by six dedicated employees.

Ms. Bierma came to Hull Christian School **five years ago** after serving faithfully at Central Minnesota Christian. Since arriving at HCS, she has been a dedicated first-grade teacher. Most mornings you will see her walking to school and is often one of the first teachers to arrive. Her steady presence, thoughtful preparation, and patience create a warm place for our first grade students.

Mrs. De Jager is also celebrating her **fifth year** at HCS. She began by serving in the resource room during her first year and has faithfully led our library for the past five years. As only the third librarian in our school's history, she has continued the tradition of developing a love for reading in our students. Her enthusiasm for books and her welcoming spirit make the library a fun place for reading.

Ms. Roghair has spent all **five** of her years at HCS teaching in the resource room. She works with students from preschool through eighth grade, meeting a wide range of academic needs with patience and skill. She works quietly and faithfully behind the scenes, offering encouragement, individualized support, and steady guidance.

Mrs. Raman is celebrating her **15th year** at Hull Christian. Throughout her tenure, she has worn several different "hats." She began teaching in the resource room for one year and then transitioned into third-grade, where she spent nine years instructing and caring for many students. Today, she serves as both our enrichment director and PE teacher, bringing energy and enthusiasm to her classes. Whether teaching students motor skills in the gym or stretching minds through enrichment activities, she continues to impact students with genuine care.

Mrs. Heather Negen has faithfully taught fifth grade for the past **15 years**. She has provided consistency and strong leadership in the upper elementary classroom. She helps students grow in responsibility and independence as they prepare for middle school. She has also stepped into the sixth-grade classroom to teach Bible when needed, demonstrating her willingness to serve wherever a need arises. Her steady guidance, concern for student growth and commitment to Christian education have shaped many students.

Mr. Ten Pas has served as principal for the past **20 years**. During that time, he has witnessed enrollment grow from 124 students to 228 students. In his early years at HCS, he balanced administrative responsibilities with teaching 8th Bible and various K-8 physical education classes. As the school grew, his teaching

responsibilities gradually decreased, allowing him to focus more fully on administrative needs and carrying out the mission of the school.

Hull Christian is richly blessed to have these employees as part of our school family. Their dedication, patience, compassion, and genuine care have left a meaningful and lasting impact on our students and the entire school.



THANK YOU!