

Board Notes - September 2025

1. Mark Fenchel opened with devotions.

2. Principal's Report was received. Board Workshop at Dordt on February 5.

3. Committee Reports
Finance
Finance Report - renew CD for 6 months
Executive Committee
Motion to hire JB Firm to find and write grants for the building project.
4. Old Business
Building Project—update from the contractor
Continued discussion on Development Director
Reviewed jobs for the Rally Day Sale.
Discussed Rally Day Sale

5. The meeting was closed with prayer.
- **MMS = Motion Made and Sustained

The work of all the committees was supported and approved.

Tall Tales and Fairy Tales

The second graders had the best time celebrating the end of our Tall Tales & Fairy Tales unit and wrapping up our end-of-unit assessment this week! They started the day with a pancake breakfast (Paul Bunyan's favorite!) The students even used their tiny plates and forks to pretend they were as big as Paul Bunyan! They played bingo with vocab words from the unit, watched some tall tales, and dressed up as characters from our stories. The classroom was filled with lumberjacks, cowboys, cowgirls, and princesses—it was the perfect way to celebrate all of their hard work!



SCRIP News

We encourage everyone to use the SCRIP program. It does make a difference for you and our school. We would also like to encourage parents of future HCS students to begin funding an account. SCRIP is a great way for grandparents and friends to help with your tuition just by using it for their everyday purchases. Reminder: Enroll on www.raiseright.com for an easy and convenient way to order each week. Payment by check is an option, but the online payment service associated with Raise Right, PrestoPay, is a secure way of transferring the payment directly from your checking account. If you order SCRIPNow, you can receive it in minutes, just by using PrestoPay. Stop in the office if you would like more information on anything SCRIP related. If you would like a complete listing of all national businesses go to shopwithscrip.com **Scrip payout happened the week of September 30. You will notice the credits applied on your October statement.

ORDER DATES DELIVERY DATES

Monday, October 6	Friday, October 10
Monday, October 13	Friday, October 17
Monday, October 20	Friday, October 24
Monday, October 27	Friday, October 31

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, October 6**

Volleyball Practice 3:30-5
Adolescent Talk 7:00 (5th Grade)
Education Meeting 7:00
- Tuesday, October 7**

Chapel 8:30
Technology Meeting 7:00
- Wednesday, October 8**

Volleyball Practice 3:30 –5:00
- Thursday, October 9**

Volleyball Game at Rock Valley
- Tuesday, October 14**

Volleyball game at OCCS
- Thursday, October 16**

Volleyball game at Sheldon
- Friday, October 17**

Volleyball game at Sioux Center
- Saturday, October 18**

Honor Band Auditions
- Monday, October 20**

Foundation Meeting 12:00
Finance Meeting 6:00
Board Meeting 7:00
- Wednesday, October 22**

Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00
- Thursday, October 23**

Fine Arts Club 3:30-4:45
- Friday, October 24**

First Quarter Ends
Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00
- Saturday, October 25**

8th Grade Volleyball Tournament
- Monday, October 27**

Interscholastic speech in Rock Valley
- Thursday, October 30**

Orchestra Festival at Unity 4:00

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.

24 Hours on the Move!

Our principal, Mr. Ten Pas likes to keep our school moving forward. But this year's Principal Challenge takes that sentiment to a whole new level! He challenged the society members who were present at this year's Rally Day Sale to raise \$6000 to keep him walking for 24 hours. Once again, he received astounding support from those in attendance. The bids came up at a whopping \$9,400 and that's when Pastor Keith Hoekstra, pastor at Hope CRC, stepped in to say that he would walk with Mr. Ten Pas if the society would bring the total amount of funds raised to \$10,000. Once again the attendees were willing to put up their cards to see if Pastor Keith could keep up with Mr. Ten Pas. The challenge began on Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 in the afternoon as the students lined the streets by the school to encourage the two gentlemen on their adventure! The challenge ended to the sound of cheering students exactly one day later at 2 PM. This time however, the steps were being taken with a little less "pep". Both of our faithful walkers tried to track mileage and total steps, their best estimates are 104,000 steps taken and a little over 50 miles walked! Multiply those numbers by two and that's a great deal of effort, both mental and physical, and a great amount of love for Christian Education. Thanks to everyone who once again supported this year's Principal Challenge! The donation of funds and encouragement along the way meant so much! You are truly a blessing!



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Give a Book – Celebrate Someone Special!

The “Give a Book” program is a wonderful way to support the HCS Library while honoring a child, grandchild, or friend—whether it’s for a birthday or simply *just because*! For a \$10 donation per child, students get to pick a book from Mrs. De Jager’s basket. That book will then be added to our library collection with a personalized nameplate inside the cover, marking the child’s name and date.

It’s such a joy for students to “own” a book in the library and proudly show it to family and friends for years to come! Donations are also recognized in the *Knightly News*.

Join the fun—help us grow our library collection and create lasting memories!

If you have any questions, call 712-439-2273.

Mrs. De Jager



Kiss The Pig Coin War

This year the teachers decided to have a coin war with a Kiss the Pig contest to help raise money for the Rally Day Sale. The two weeks before the sale, students were busy bringing in their coins. Very quickly, the teachers’ jars started filling up as students were voting for the teacher they most wanted to see kiss the pig. On Tuesday of the sale week, teachers had the option of paying \$50 to transfer their coins to a different teacher’s jar and 8 teachers chose this option. The teacher with the most money in their jar was declared the winner — and that’s why Mr. Stroeh puckered up in front of the audience to kiss the pig! Two board members were also auctioned off for \$10 bids to see who the audience wanted to see kiss the pig. Kyle LeLoux then kissed the pig as well. Overall, we raised \$2,782.99 . Thank you for your support!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the **Rally Day Supper and Sale**! With your incredible support, we raised **over \$90,000** from the sale, supper, and extra donations—praise God for such generosity! A big shout-out to all who made this possible: families who donated items, worked the concession stand, or helped during the event; local businesses and individuals who donated auction items or sponsored the event; and everyone who came out to enjoy the sale and supper. Special thanks to our **auctioneers, Promotion Committee, Finance Committee, Board, and cooks**—your hard work made the night fun, smooth, and financially successful. We are truly blessed by our amazing HCS community. Thank you for making Rally Day such a joyful and rewarding event!



Pop Can Schedule

October	November
Darin/Janelle De Wit	Vivi Ramos
Josh/Kaylee Hulstein	Drew/Tricia Heynen
Grant/Tara Thorson	Darren/Shar Bonestroo
Chad/Tiffany Van Engen	Brad/Faye DeKam
Brian/Rachel Verwolf	Justin/Cindy TeSlaa
Tom/Ranae Sheffield	Aaron/Michelle Greydanus
Kyle/Becca Te Slaa	Jeremy/Leandra Hulstein
Lucas/Rachel Van Engen	Jon/Bethany Scholten
	Nate/Allie Van Kley



Parent Handbooks

The 2025-2026 Parent Handbook/Directory has been distributed to families with students at HCS. We have extra copies available in the school office for anyone who would like one.

Faculty and Staff Spotlight

Amanda DeKam – 3rd Grade Teacher

We’re excited to introduce **Amanda DeKam**, our wonderful 3rd grade teacher at HCS! Amanda is married to Jeff, and together they have a daughter, Anella, and a playful dog named MJ. At school, Amanda loves connecting with her students and treasures the blessing of teaching in a place where learning about God is a daily joy. When she’s not in the classroom, she enjoys spending time with her family and going on walks. She’s also a big fan of pasta—any kind, anytime! Her favorite Bible verse is: **“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”** —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Karynna Bonestroo – Preschool Teacher



Meet **Karynna Bonestroo**, our amazing preschool teacher! Karynna comes from a close-knit family—her parents are Scott and Krista, and she has two brothers, Josiah and Micah, and a sister, Annika. Karynna loves getting to know her students and building strong, lasting relationships with them. Outside of school, she enjoys reading and sharing her love of performing through singing and acting in local community theater productions. If you ask her favorite treat? It’s French toast! Her favorite Bible verse is:

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” — Isaiah 41:10

Tami Zevenbergen – Preschool and General Paraprofessional

Introducing **Tami Zevenbergen**, our dedicated Preschool and general paraprofessional! Tami and her husband, Kent, live in Hull and have three children: Marcus and his wife Monica, both teachers in Minneapolis; Ryan and his wife Kelci, an electrical engineer and physical therapist in Rock Valley; and Kayla, a lower elementary school counselor at Des Moines Christian. Tami enjoys getting to know and working with the students at HCS. When she’s not at school, she loves baking, crafting, and watching home-improvement shows. While she doesn’t have one specific favorite food, she especially enjoys grilled steak, baked potatoes, and fresh garden vegetables. Her favorite Bible verse is: **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”** —Proverbs 3:5-6



September Chapel & Faith-Building Highlights

September was a special month for faith-building at HCS! Each Tuesday gave our students unique opportunities to worship, learn, and grow together.

September 9 – Chapel Our first Chapel of the year was led by the 8th graders. We welcomed Pastor Greydanus, who shared a message reminding us that “*Creed*” means “*I believe*.” He reflected on God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and encouraged us to hold fast to true faith.

September 16 – All School Sing The entire student body gathered for a joyful time of praise and worship. Singing together is always a highlight, and a few favorites this time were *Jesus Loves Me Rap*, *Shake a Friend's Hand*, and *Build a Boat*!

September 23 – Peer Groups Students met in their small, mixed-grade peer groups to reflect on chapel, read a devotional, and participate in a fun “Walk-the-Room” activity to learn more about the Apostles’ Creed. These peer groups are a wonderful way for students to encourage one another in their faith and build meaningful connections across grade levels.

September 30 – Faith-Building Activities To end the month, students engaged in a variety of activities designed to grow faith and community. Our 3rd and 8th graders visited Aspen Heights, where they spent time with residents working on word puzzles together, while the rest of the students explored the *Protect Young Eyes* curriculum, learning how to wisely and safely navigate technology as Christians. We are grateful for these opportunities to worship, learn, and serve as a school family!